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NO PROGRESS MADE IN PEACE CONFERENCE.

JAPANESE DEMANDS

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Vernacular papers this morning declare that the Government is contemplating the despatch of a formal notification to Geneva of Japan's intention to withdraw from the League of Nations if Article XV is applied to the Manchurian dispute.

Official confirmation of this was not obtainable, but there is reason to believe that the report has foundation as it is reliably learned that the Hon. Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary General to the League, a few days ago informed Baron Sato that the League proposes to apply Article XV to Manchuria despite Japan's reiterated refusal to agree to such application.

THE SECOND WITHDRAWAL.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Imperial sanction was obtained this afternoon to carry out the second withdrawal of troops from Shanghai to Japan, and Mr. Shirakawa has been instructed accordingly.

Details were not obtainable, but the withdrawal is believed to comprise the Engineering Commissariat and other special units originally despatched as Army Troops.

CONFERENCE ALMOST RUINED.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Peace Conference met again to-day at the British Consulate but no progress was made. It is understood that the Conference was almost ruined over the question of the line to which the Japanese are to withdraw.

It was stated yesterday that the Japanese demanded that they be allowed to hold the line extending from Chenju to the Szetseling Forts and along the Yangtze from Yanghang to Tachang. The Chinese Delegates refused to accede to this demand and the meeting almost met with disaster.

The Neutral Delegate finally secured another meeting this morning, which, however, failed to surmount the hurdle, but it appointed a Subcommittee consisting of Chinese and Japanese Military Officers who will discuss the matter, and it is hoped that this will facilitate the work of the Conference when it meets again on Monday.

Meanwhile, the Chinese and Japanese Delegates have referred to their respective Governments for further instructions.

FIRE IN CAMP.

Shamshuipo-Huts Ablaze.

DEFECTIVE WIRES.

Shamshuipo Camp, housing the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was the scene of another outbreak of fire in the early hours of Friday morning. Two huts, which, happily, were unoccupied, were involved, one being completely destroyed, and the other only partly damaged.

Four appliances were turned out, and the fire, which is stated to have been caused through a defective wire, was soon extinguished.

GRAF ZEPPELIN.

On the Way Back to Germany.

Perambuco, Yesterday. The Graf Zeppelin left for Germany at 12.28 a.m.—Reuter.

BISHOP OF VICTORIA ILL.

We regret to record that the Rt. Rev. Dr. C. R. Duppuy, D.D., Bishop of Victoria, is indisposed and unable to preach to-day as was his intention. It is sincerely hoped that His Lordship will have recovered sufficiently by next Sunday to preach his farewell sermon before his departure for home on relinquishing the Bishopric.

THE UNITED STATES BUDGET.

Causes Grave Financial Crisis.

\$1,241,000,000 DEFICIT.

Washington, Yesterday.

Doubts as to whether the United States Budget can be balanced; whether the credit of the Government can be saved; and whether the United States can continue to maintain the gold standard are assailing all thoughtful persons.

The gravity of the financial crisis is borne out by a breakdown in the Party machine controlling Federal Legislation, over-taxation is necessary to meet the Budget deficit of \$1,241,000,000, which resulted in the rejection of the Sales Tax Bill.

The necessity of balancing the Budget is insufficiently realised by politicians who are urging the creation of more debt as an addition to moderate taxation.

Eight million unemployed and gigantic Federal State Municipal deficits have brought home to Americans that the United States is going through the deepest depression but many are inclined to listen to those preaching inflation as the sovereign remedy. — Reuter's American Service.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory yesterday states:—

The anticyclone continues to move E.N.E.; it is now central near Tokyo.

Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

RUBBER CLOSURES.

Seven States Close Down.

OTHER CROPS SUBSTITUTED.

Sourabaya, Yesterday. Seven rubber estates are closing down and several others are substituting other crops for rubber owing to the rejection of the rubber restriction plan.—Reuter.

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LYTTON COMMISSION FOR NANKING

ALLEGED PROLONGED SOJOURN

WITHDRAWAL OF JAPANESE DIVISION COMPLETED ON FRIDAY.

PEACE OUTLOOK BRIGHTER

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Yesterday.

No formal functions marked the departure of the Lytton Commission for Nanking, where an elaborate welcome has been prepared.

Members of the Commission were completely surprised by the alleged Chinese dissatisfaction at their prolonged sojourn in Shanghai, and their spokesman explained that all arrangements relative to the reception of the Commission in Shanghai were prepared in close collaboration with Dr. Wellington Koo and other Chinese officials.

At no time was dissatisfaction manifested until the Commission learned of the alleged Soong message to Geneva.

The Commission was actually urged to prolong its stay to enable additional Chinese organisations to extend hospitality.

11TH DIVISION WITHDRAWN.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The withdrawal of the 11th Japanese Division was completed on Friday afternoon, when the last units of the crack troops, whose timely arrival at Liuho hastened the retreat of the Chinese 19th Army, sailed for Japan.

The peace outlook is brighter and negotiations are proceeding.

ECONOMIC PACT.

Conference of Powers Proposed.

M. TARDIEU REPLIES.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Paris, Yesterday.

That a Conference of Representatives of the Great Powers, including Britain, France, Italy and Germany meet, probably in Geneva, with a view to reaching a preliminary agreement with regard to the question of an Economic Pact between the Danubian States, is proposed by the British Government in a communication to the French Government with regard to the procedure to be followed for the conclusion of such a Pact.

Direct negotiations with the Danubian States would follow the preliminary agreement.

M. Tardieu has already replied to the British communication, and well-informed circles opine that it is probable that a meeting between M. Tardieu, Sir John Simon, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Dr. Bruening and Signor Grandi will take place, presumably at Geneva, during the Disarmament Conference which is to resume on April 11.

MOLLISON LEAVES.

To Beat Cape Town Flight Record.

NEW ROUTE TAKEN.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Mr. F. A. Mollison, the holder of the Australia-England flight record, left Lympny Aerodrome early this morning in an attempt to beat the record of 5 days, 8 hours, and 37 minutes. This record was set up by Miss Peggy Sala-

AMAZING SCENE.

Crash-Proof Plane Demonstrated.

500 FEET PRECIPICE.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Paris, Yesterday.

Evading the attentions of the Police, who refused to allow him to demonstrate his invention, M. Albert Sauvant, a French Engineer who claims to have invented a crash-proof plane, gave a striking illustration of the possibilities of his machine yesterday, when he crashed 500 feet down a precipice and escaped unhurt.

Onlookers Amazed. The fuselage crashed down the mountain side and turned six somersaults, creating a deafening din, and landed with a terrible crash.

Onlookers gasped with amazement when they saw M. Sauvant emerge unscathed from the damaged fuselage. He afterwards demonstrated that the steel case crash-proof section of the fuselage was undamaged.

Wants to Fall 3,000 Feet. M. Sauvant now wants to be allowed to crash from a height of 3,000 feet. He has already experimented with model aeroplanes and crashed one from a height of 550 feet with a live lamb, and another from 750 feet with a basket of eggs. The lamb was unhurt and the eggs unbroken.

man and Mr. Gordon Store. Mr. Mollison is taking a new route over the Sahara and along the West African Coast instead of the present route along the Nile and via Bulawayo and Kimberley. He hopes to reach Cape Town in about four days. — British Wireless Service.

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COMPLETE DETECTIVE STORY 5

THE LEAGUE OF TWELVE

By George Stanley.

Detective Inspector Larrabee this week finds himself up against a new weapon in Yu Fang's armoury—anthropoid apes. He tracks the leader of the League of Twelve to a deserted island where, in the shelter of the trees, he has erected a laboratory for obtaining morphine from peronine. Sir Martyn Connyng, an eminent chemist who has mysteriously disappeared, is held captive in this small settlement for the use of his expert knowledge.

In the police raid on the laboratory two of the League are captured, but Yu Fang, with his customary thoroughness, shoots both captives before they can utter a word, and makes his escape in a speed-boat.

Six of the League of Twelve have now been eliminated. Do not miss the capture of the remaining six members week by week in the Sunday Herald.



Larrabee seized the unconscious Chinaman and hurled him at the animal as it sprang, with outstretched hands, to attack him.

THE ISLAND OF PERIL

THE little village of Bompsey basked peacefully in unexpected sunshine. Outside the 'Hoy Inn' Detective Inspector Larrabee sat enjoying a morning tankard. He was on leave, but was taking his holiday in a strange way—investigating a clue that had fallen into his hands regarding the activities of Yu Fang, the sinister leader of the League of Twelve.

At the close of Larrabee's last brush with Yu Fang, the ingenious cook had effected his escape, leaving as usual, no living member of his gang in the hands of the police. Yet a small thing had been left behind—a dirty, oily piece of paper, found in the garage, which yielded the information that '30 gals. Petrol' had been purchased by someone at the Bompsey garage.

Larrabee had been three days in Bompsey—ostensibly for duck shooting. So far, he had drawn a blank, for the proprietor of the Bompsey garage, though he had impressed him favourably, had given no information away.

But Larrabee was to have his patience rewarded, for one day before the door of the garage, a small Ford van pulled up, and Larrabee, an interested observer, noticed with a thrill of excitement that the driver was a Chinaman.

Assisted by the garage proprietor the man proceeded to load the van with petrol tins.

Larrabee stole round the side of the inn, hauled a bicycle from a shed and made across a field-path to the main road, along which the van had come. Then he peddled rapidly to a small hillock in the neighbourhood from which a view of the surrounding country could be obtained.

Concealing his cycle in the long grass, he pulled a pair of field-glasses from his pocket and waited. Presently along the road beneath he saw the van twining along country lanes until it reached the sea-edge where it stopped.

Then from a small island—evidently in response to a hail—a flat-bottomed boat put out. The car was swiftly taken on board, the vessel returned to the island and soon vanished round a projecting point.

Larrabee's interest was aroused. It looked as if his search was to be rewarded.

He returned to the inn and, after dark, pushed out a small skiff he had hired for his shooting, and sculled, with muffled rowlocks, round the coast towards the island.

A faint current ran towards it and he let his skiff drift with the current. Presently it grounded softly on the gently-sloping beach. Overhanging trees made conceal-

ment simple. He made fast to a tree and stole, cautiously as an Indian, through the undergrowth.

Suddenly a 'click' sounded near at hand. It brought him up with a jerk, but only just in time. Peering through the bushes he saw before him a figure sitting motionless against a tree.

Making a wide detour he presently gained the sheltering shadows of a block of sheds. Listening intently his quick ear soon caught the sound of footsteps.

Seizing hold of the overhanging roof above him, he jerked himself to the top and peered over.

Presently, round the corner of the shed, came a figure. As it grew more distinct, Larrabee saw that it was a Chinaman wearing a belt in which was stuck an automatic of the silencer type.

The detective lay still, thinking deeply.

"What could the island conceal? Obviously something important for this careful guard to be maintained in the deserted marshes of Bompsey. Something was afoot on the island—something in which Yu Fang and his League were involved."

Suddenly from a window in the roof of the shed, a light shone out. It startled Larrabee so much that he almost fell from the sloping roof.

Cautiously he crept towards the light, gained the skylight from which it appeared and looked through the grimy glass.

An astonishing sight met his eye.

Ranged along the floor of the shed below, were lines of benches, fitted with laboratory apparatus. Seated at the benches, were a number of figures, several of them masked. Two or three of Yu Fang's Chinese servants stood about the room. All wore automatics stuck in their belts like the guard without.

Larrabee started amazed. One of the men sitting at a bench, raised his head and, as the light fell on his face, the detective gave a start of surprise. For the man sitting at the bench, among the League of Twelve, was Sir Martyn Connyng—a leading chemist whose mysterious disappearance had been a nine days' wonder.

A gong boomed and the men at the benches began to pack up their apparatus, like schoolboys ready to leave for the day. One by one the men rose from their benches, and shepherded by the Chinese servants,

all those who were unmasked were guided through a door to another part of the shed, vanishing from Larrabee's view, through a doorway. Cautiously he stole across the roof to another light which was now shining from the roof near at hand, and peered through the skylight.

Beneath him, seated at rough tables eating a meal, were the men

who had been working at the benches. Ranged round the sides of the room were rough wooden bunks. By the door stood one of the Chinese guards.

Larrabee lay silently watching. From the glances of fear and dislike thrown at the Chinese, and from the bars across the windows, it was obvious that the men were prisoners.

He decided to enter the room below in some way. Minutes passed. The men finished their meal, the dishes were removed by two armed Chinese guards, and the door shut. Larrabee, scrambling back to his first point of view, saw the guards pass out, the door leading from the prisoners' room being first locked and barred.

He stole back to the skylight over the prisoners' room, and, with great care succeeded in prising up part of the skylight.

Then he called softly to the men below.

"Listen at the door," he whispered. "Then, throw me up a blanket."

A blanket was snatched from a bunk, and after two attempts Larrabee caught it. He knotted one end round a projecting piece of timber and slid down into the room.

"I am Detective Inspector Larrabee of Scotland Yard," he explained. "What devilry is afoot here?" He turned to the celebrated chemist. "How did the gang get you here Sir Martyn?"

"Briefly," whispered Sir Martyn Connyng, "dope manufacture on an enormous scale. Yu Fang, the chief of this gang, who was responsible for my abduction, has managed to get hold of an enormous supply of benzyl-morphine—known to the trade as peronine. This stuff, which can be imported into the country, is easily obtainable. Yu Fang, who is a clever chemist, has discovered a method of treatment by which morphine can be obtained from peronine. But his method calls for expert knowledge. He has kidnapped me and these other chemists and has forced us to carry out his work. Death is the penalty for refusal, and two of us have already paid that penalty. Pounds of this drug are being manufactured daily, and are being sold all over Europe."

"How many men are on the island?" asked Larrabee.

"About six Chinamen—usually, at least, two masked men, sometimes four," replied Sir Martyn. "How many there are outside I do not know."

Suddenly Larrabee heard a noise outside the shed. He turned to Sir Martyn. "I must get away," he whispered. "We can do nothing against such a crowd without assistance. Don't worry—keep on as you are. They must know nothing of my visit. I shall be back with help as soon as possible."

He hastily shook Sir Martyn by the hand, shinned up the blanket rope, detached it from the support and dropped it below.

He was just closing the skylight when Sir Martyn whispered, "Be-ware of the..." The remainder of the sentence Larrabee lost as the skylight closed.

He stole along the roof to the edge, listened, and then dropped silently to the ground. It was a minute or two before he could find his bearings. Then he set off through the trees stepping carefully for fear of broken sticks.

Suddenly a sense of fear—fear of the unknown—seemed to permeate his senses. Twice he stopped and stared behind him, only to find nothing there.

Then, before he could turn aside, he tripped over one of the Chinese sentries.

In another second the alarm would have been given. But Larrabee, lashing out with his foot, caught the unlucky man a frightful kick on the jaw, and he sank unconscious to the ground.

The detective seized the man's automatic, and was about to steal away, when the hair literally rose on his neck. For, through the bushes, in the faint light, the huge head of an immense ape appeared, his wicked eyes shining red in the light.

Larrabee seized the unconscious Chinaman and hurled him at the animal as it sprang, with outstretched hands, to attack him.

The beast seized the inert body, dashed it to the ground with a crash, and leaped again at the detective.

Larrabee remembered the silencer on the automatic, and, as the beast leaped, he poured bullet after bullet into its body.

There was a crash, a rending of the undergrowth and the monster threshed about in death agony. Throwing down the automatic to lend suggestion of a fight between the Chinaman and the ape, Larrabee crept cautiously away.

He gained the beach, found his skiff, and sculled silently back to the inn and safety.

EARLY next morning he was on the road for the nearest town. The telephone soon put him in touch with the Yard, and the Assistant Commissioner.

"Larrabee here, sir, I've found the gentleman you wanted. Yes—the name. I'm at Wivelspey. Barton, my assistant, knows where it is. I want ten men if you can bring them. To-night at the Wivelspey Arms. It gets dark early—five I suggest? There'll be shooting and you'll need silencers. Right—I'll be there."

At five that evening, three large touring cars drove quietly into the yard of the Wivelspey Arms. Larrabee met the Assistant Commissioner at the door, and explained the discovery he had made.

The Commissioner whistled softly. "Quite a party!" he exclaimed. "How do we get to the island?"

"We can get boats from the Hoy Inn," replied Larrabee. "I'll get the boats out, and if the men are ready about seven, we'll raid the place near eight."

Shortly after seven cars drew up at the Hoy Inn. Larrabee had the boats ready. Well within the appointed time the little fleet, led by Larrabee in his skiff, drifted gently along from the inn and ground softly on the beach of the island.

He led the party through the undergrowth towards the sheds. Luck was with him. The first guard, dozing quietly against a tree, collapsed without a sound as the butt of an automatic struck him behind the ear.

The party proceeded cautiously until they reached the vicinity of the sheds. Here Larrabee halted.

"I'm going for the roof, sir," he whispered. "I want to hold them from the inside. I'll take Barton with me. When I whistle—you rush to the place with the rest of the party. We may round up the lot. Is that O.K.?"

"Do fine," jerked the Assistant Commissioner.

Larrabee and his assistant gained the shadows of the building unobserved and swung themselves to the roof and Larrabee led the way over to the skylight of the sleeping quarters. Prizing up the skylight carefully, and with a whispered word of warning to Barton, he un-

wound a coil of rope and fastened it to the support he had used before. He tested the rope and then slid down into the darkness.

A soft hiss and Barton followed him.

Larrabee listened for a few moments. All was silent, but from the shed beyond the partition, came the clink of tubes and glass as the chemists carried on their work.

The two police officers crept to the door and peered through a crack in the warped wood.

In the lighted working shed, three armed Chinamen were idly watching the workers and Larrabee noticed, with satisfaction, that two masked members of the League, bearing the numbers '9' and '6' on their cowls and robes, were among the party. To his disappointment there was no sign of Yu Fang.

He waited a few minutes hoping for the leader to appear. At last, fearful of his plans miscarrying, he whispered to Barton. The two silently opened the door and stepped quickly into the room.

"Hands up!" he barked. "Smartly! The first man to move gets this!" The occupants of the room stood as if petrified.

Then one of the guards grabbed at his gun.

Larrabee fired and the automatic fell from the man's smashed hand. Simultaneously the masked members of the League dropped beneath the benches and fired a volley at the two detectives.

Larrabee and his assistant, sheltered behind a bench, whistled shrilly, keeping the Chinese guards well covered.

From without came the sound of rushing footsteps. In a flash the door was burst in.

But the two masked members of the League were not destined to be taken alive. As the detectives were securing their prisoners, the Assistant Commissioner called to Larrabee.

"Where's Yu Fang?" he cried. "That's the fellow we want!"

"Here!" called a voice, as if in response.

The detectives turned. As they turned, there came two sharp reports, and the two captured members of the gang sank dying to the floor. Yu Fang was taking no chances.

The shots came from an aperture in the wall. Larrabee and the Assistant Commissioner, leaving the rest to guard the captured men, dashed for the door.

A dark figure was before them running for the trees.

Larrabee shouted a warning to halt, and then fired. But his shot

flew high. The figure dashed on towards the sea-edge.

Then, before them, and between them and their quarry, two shapes came lurching towards the detectives.

"Heavens!" shouted Larrabee. "Apes—two more of them. You take the right one, sir. I'll take the left."

He fired as he spoke but the animals still came on. Five more shots he put into the body of one of them before they took effect, and the thing sank dying at his feet.

He turned to see how the Assistant Commissioner was faring.

He was just in time. The powerful brute which had assailed the Commissioner had seized the unlucky man in its terrible grip.

Larrabee leaped forward. Pressing his gun to the brute's head, he pulled the trigger.

It lurched forward releasing its victim, who hauled himself painfully to his feet.

"Yu Fang!" he ordered. "Get after him. I can wait!"

Larrabee rushed on. He reached the water's edge and stared into the darkness.

There was no sight of the sinister leader of the League. But faintly, borne across the water, came the "chugg! chugg!" of a powerful motor-boat racing away in the distance.

Yu Fang had foiled them again.

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The housewife was endeavouring to teach a new and very slow domestic servant the art of cooking.

"But Jane," she said, "you didn't wash the fish you served for breakfast. You must remember always to wash it."

"Goodness gracious me, mum!" exclaimed the servant. "What's the use of washing a fish when it's lived all its life in the water?"

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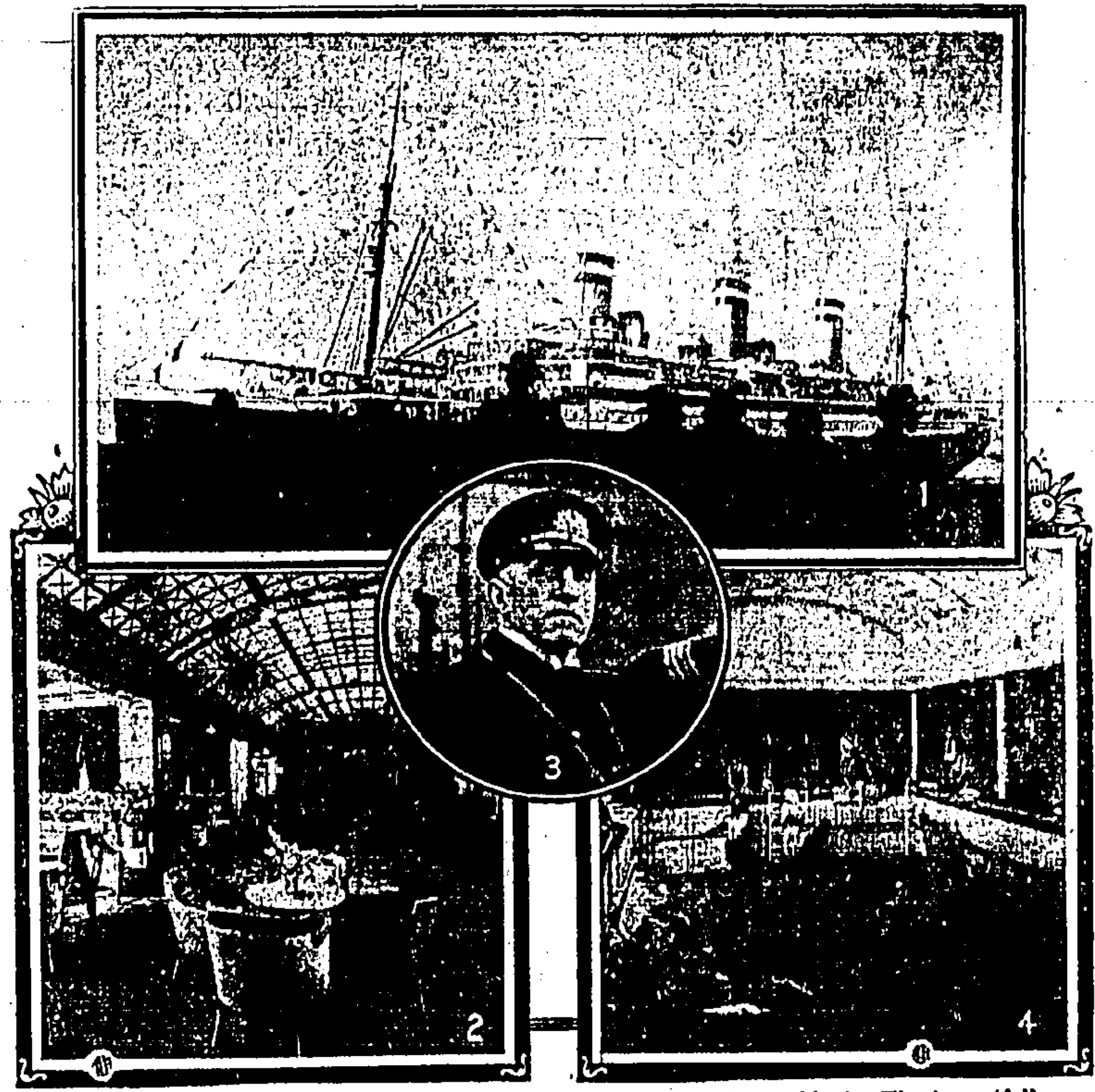
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FOR many years now we have been taught to believe in the desirability of industrial progress, and every important step in that direction has been hailed with satisfaction, and often with enthusiasm. The increase in productive efficiency has been particularly demonstrated in recent years, and so much so, that all over the world there is the phenomenon which has been widely described as over-production, but which latterly seems to be accepted as much more one of abnormally low consumption. In some quarters the phenomenon of glutted markets and unremunerative prices of products, with all the evils which accompany such a state of affairs, is creating a feeling among victims of these circumstances that progress in industrial efficiency, so far from being a good thing, is inherently inimical in its action. It is pointed out that few, if any, have permanently benefited from the comparatively rapid increase in efficiency; on the contrary, it seems to have impoverished most of those concerned and made the conditions of life more precarious and difficult. It is not easy to counter this kind of view of industrial progress because to a large extent it seems to agree with the facts. None the less it is a conclusion very repugnant to our belief in human progress.

EFFICIENCY AND MISERY

Production, which permits the satisfaction of the manifold wants of humanity, should scarcely mean that, as we become more efficient in supplying these wants and are able to increase the abundance of products with comparative ease and celerity the result must be something like general impoverishment. In fact, there seems something ludicrous in a situation in which the more the world produces, the less beneficial it is to the world's people. Obviously it is not in progress in industrial efficiency that we must look for the cause of economic distress; the cause or causes must be sought elsewhere. At present this is one of the most debated of all subjects and one which is receiving a large number of different explanations.

It is for those who study these various explanations to decide for themselves which amongst them appeals most to their minds. But in the course of reading and personal discussion of the many views prevalent one observation may perhaps be offered and that is that it is interesting to note the changing trends of thought. Thus it is beginning to dawn on many producers of raw material that the way to healthier markets and remunerative prices for their products is not being reached by making restriction of production more and more drastic; that side by side with such measures, there is a shrinkage of consumption which neutralises, or more than neutralises, these efforts. Obviously, restriction of production can be pushed to a point which must ultimately achieve its end because, even with a minimum consumption, stocks will be absorbed slowly and the time come when there is actually something like a famine in the material. However, from a practical standpoint this would take far too long; meantime a large section of the industry must have been

wiped out through inability to keep alive with a production cut down to a mere fraction of the normal, even at prices considerably higher than the existing ones.

A COMMON FALLACY

It is a common generalisation that to lower the price of a product in common demand is to increase its consumption, but at present, as indicated above and confirmed by all the statistical information available, it is the contrary which is happening. The fact seems to be that low prices stimulate increased consumption only when they apply to a single product or at most to only a few products; with a general slump in prices, such as that which now exists, low prices do not stimulate consumption, but have even a reverse effect. This is a fallacy to many producers; in seeking an explanation of this apparent anomaly the following seems suggestive: Although in popular conception the community consists of a comparatively small body of producers on the one hand, and a very large body of consumers on the other hand, industrial communities are not thus divided. Actually, there are very few people who are not in some degree dependent for their incomes on production; it is regarded in its widest sense as including all the manifold services necessary to bring products into the hands of the ultimate users. Production is often regarded in too narrow a sense; wheat in the farmer's barn, completed machines and wares in the factories, coal mined and brought to the pithead, and in fact all products at their place of origin, are not truly finished products until the further services are performed by which they are made directly available to those who ultimately use them. In that sense it is difficult to define any considerable section of the working communities of any country which is purely a consuming one without being dependent in a more or less degree on the welfare of productive industry, and in the category of the producing sections must be included those who have invested in productive enterprise with a view to drawing interests or profits therefrom.

Stated briefly, producers in the mass are much the same people as those who consume the products; that being so, unremunerative prices of these products are not of advantage to the community because as producer it loses more than any possible gain as consumer from low prices. To-day, all those dependent on productive industry for income are greatly restricted in their purchasing ability by the unprofitable nature of current production, so that even with greatly reduced prices, they have to curtail consumption. It is an old saying, and a very true one, that nothing is cheap to the individual without means to buy.

EVIL EFFECTS

There is probably too great an inclination to blame productive efficiency for unremunerative prices of products, but whatever causes for economic distress in the world may exist, there can be no doubt that the low prices of products, whether it be a primary or a secondary factor, is largely responsible.

The evil effects of low prices in-

clude loss of profit, and often the capital, of producers, crippling their buying power, making idle much of the labour they normally employ, and producing a train of social evils the ramifications of which are too involved to be fully traced. In how many cases in our own industry to-day have prices ceased to have any true relation to the cost of production; permanently low prices must ultimately make production costs come into line with prices, which involves changes in what are usually known as fixed charges, including wages, but the process of adjustment is much too slow to prevent in the meantime the driving out of business of a large proportion of the industrial undertakings with a great loss of their substance. Those who attempt to account for abnormally low prices usually put over-production in the first place. That production was excessive in the years immediately preceding 1930 is generally admitted, but with a normal rate of consumption this over-production should have been righted in the last two years. As already mentioned, to-day it is much more a question of low consumption than one of over-production, and the suggestion given above for this low consumption is one that seems to fit the facts.

POTENTIALITIES

The efficiency of production in these days is such that, with a sufficient inducement in the form of profitable prices, products of most kinds could be doubled and perhaps trebled in quantity in a comparatively brief space of time, and this should act for the good of the world. The fact that this high efficiency fails to produce the good effects that might have been anticipated from it, suggests very forcibly that the world has failed to organise its methods so that the full benefits of increased productive efficiency are reaped by the world's people. One fact, very obvious at different points at the present time, is that while food and wares can be produced in any reasonable abundance at moderate cost, the elementary needs of millions of the world's people remain more or less unsatisfied because they are so greatly restricted in their buying power. To increase that buying power is perhaps the most important world problem of the moment; experience is proving that it is not in the direction of low prices unremunerative to producers that this is to be accomplished, but rather by a freer interchange of goods or services, or both.

In this view it seems useless to look to tariffs as a cure for the economic sickness of the world, because the effect of these is greatly to narrow international trade and to prevent the free exchange of products which the world seems to need. Incidentally, a general tariff for this country may be expedient, not because of any merit in a tariff policy itself, but because such a course is practically being forced upon the country by the tariff policies of other nations, and also because its ultimate effect may be mutual agreement to lower tariff walls generally, writes the Mining Journal.

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	Year 1931		Jan. to Feb., 1932	
	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest
Hong Kong Bank	2200	1475	1475	1800
Bank of East Asia	185 1/2	114	128	127 1/2
Canton Insurance	1550	1240	1450	1350
Union Insurance	652 1/2	400	415	400
China Underwriters	620	3	4.90	4.60
China Fire Insurance	800	450	650	590
H.K. Fire Insurance	1485	1225	1450	1250
Douglases	28 1/2	20 1/2	26 1/2	23 1/2
H.K. Steamboats	31	24	24	23
Indo-China—Pref.	45	25	45	25
do. —Def.	43	17	32	25
Union Waterboats New Issue	29	24	25	25
H.K. & K. Wharves	174	149	169	153
H.K. & W. Docks	36	28	29	29
China Providents—Old	6.70	4 1/2	5.40	4.90
do. —New	3 1/2	2.20	2.45	2.30
H.K. & S. Hotels—Old	18	13 1/2	15.40	13
do. —New	17 1/2	13 1/2	15	13
H.K. Lands	94 1/2	79	82 1/2	74
Humphreys—Old	22 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2
do. —New	22 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2
H.K. Realties	18	8.90	12.15	11
H.K. Trams	24	17.20	22.80	20
Peak Trams—Old	15.60	13.95	15.60	15.60
do. —New	8	6	8	8
Star Ferries	97 1/2	88	102	94
H.K. Electrics	84 1/2	75	79 1/2	76
China Lights	32.10	24	27.85	26
do. —New	32.10	24	27.85	26
Telephones \$5 paid up	45	22 1/2	22 1/2	22
do. 7 1/2 do.	29 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	22
do. Fully paid	54	35 1/2	43	43
Canton Ice	8.35	3 1/2	5 1/2	5
Cements Combined	21.40	11.60	12 1/2	16
do. —Old	15	6.05	6	5.60
do. —New	6 1/2	11.35	18 1/2	18
H.K. Ropes	23 1/2	24 1/2	30	28
Dairy Farms	34.10	12.40	17	16 1/2
Watsons	18 1/2	8.60	6.60	6
Lane, Crawford—Old	8.30	5 1/2	6.10	6
do. —New	8	2.85	3 1/2	3.35
Wm. Powells	4 1/2	19	19.90	18
H.K. Amusements	27 1/2	3.85	5 1/2	5
H.K. Constructions—Old	6.30	2.70	2	1.70
do. —New	2.70	43.20	34	39 1/2
Raubs	17.90	11.90	16 1/2	14 1/2
Evo Cottons	T. 7.19	5 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
N. Engineerings	T. 117	91	91	90 1/2
Shanghai Docks	T. 117	91	91	90 1/2

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Buenos Aires	38 1/2
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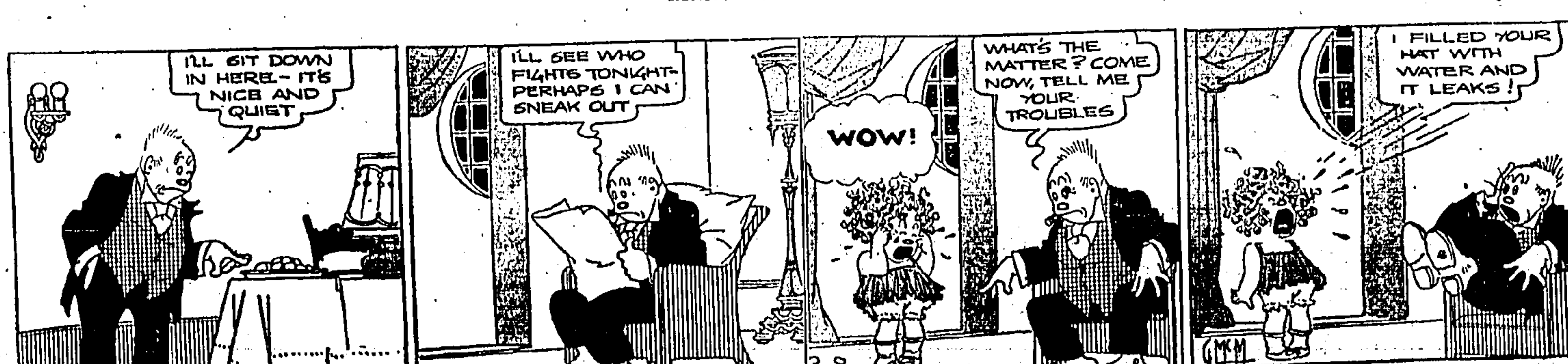
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Gray, c Souza, b Way	4	0	0	0
Keene, run out	1	0	0	0
Whitley, not out	32	0	0	0
Reynolds, b Way	5	0	0	0
Barlow, b Way	0	0	0	0
Lazenby, b Way	0	0	0	0
Funnel, c & b Way	9	0	0	0
Buckland, run out	3	0	0	0
Castelow, c McBride, b Lee	1	0	0	0
Extras (B1)	1	0	0	0
Total	55	0	0	0
Falls of Wickets:—1 for 4, 2 for 4, 3 for 16, 4 for 23, 5 for 23, 6 for 23, 7 for 43, 8 for 54, 9 for 55.				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Way	7	0	39	5
Sourbutts	5	1	15	1
Lee	2	2	0	1

C.C.C.

W. Reed, c Buckland, b Whitley	10
E. Souza, c Sub. (Hunt), b Gray	13
J. W. Leonard, c Funnel, b Whitley	0
R. Lee, c & b Whitley	0
R. Sourbutts, c Castelow, b Gray	13
W. K. Way, c Buckland, b Gray	1
A. A. Lewis, b Whitley	1
E. C. G. Barry, b Pamplin	46
F. Goodwin, b Lazenby	28
J. Hunt, c Buckland, b Whitley	1
W. R. McBride, not out	6
Extras (B4)	4

Total 116
Falls of Wickets:—1 for 23, 2 for 33, 3 for 33, 4 for 33, 5 for 33, 6 for 35, 7 for 35, 8 for 40, 9 for 96, 10 for 116.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Whitley	11	3	29	5
Gray	10	0	41	3
Barlow	2	0	18	0
Lazenby	5	1	13	1
Reynolds	2	0	5	0
Pamplin	1	0	6	1

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J. E. Richardson, b Burnett	36
L. T. Ride, b Madar	11
G. R. Sayer, b Lyal	89
A. C. Hamilton, c & b Madar	10
R. H. Griffiths, l.b.w., b Lyal	0
H. Owen Hughes, c Madar, b Goodwin	17
E. J. R. Mitchell, not out	52
A. C. Beck, b Goodwin	15
A. Reid, st. Hunter, b Lyal	22
D. McLellan, st. Hunter, b Lyal	11
Extras (B11 NB2)	13

Total 277
Falls of the wickets:—1 for 5, 2 for 37, 3 for 70, 4 for 84, 5 for 87, 6 for 124, 7 for 172, 8 for 221, 9 for 254.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Burnett	22	4	74	2
Lyal	20.5	2	86	4
Madar	13	1	52	2
Goodwin	8	0	35	2
Smith	4	0	17	0

Kowloon C.C.

E. C. Fincher, l.b.w., b Beck	13
N. A. E. Mackay, c Owen	26
Hughes, b McLellan	44
E. F. Fincher, run out	13
P. Madar, c Reid, b Beck	13
F. S. W. Smith, c Richardson	0
b Beck	0
J. C. Lyal, not out	12
F. Goodwin, c & b Beck	0
G. C. Burnett, not out	10
Extras (B16 LB2)	18

Total (for 6 wickets) 136
J. Hunter, G. A. White and A. Howe to bat.
Falls of the wickets:—1 for 23, 2 for 57, 3 for 102, 4 for 102, 5 for 120, 6 for 120.

H. Overy, b Planner	5
J. Chadwick, b Planner	0
Extras (B22, LB3, NB1)	26

Total 178
Falls of wickets:—1 for 1, 2 for 49, 3 for 80, 4 for 98, 5 for 103, 6 for 115, 7 for 123, 8 for 124, 9 for 178, 10 for 178.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Kilbee	0	0	21	0
Dunnott	9	2	28	1
Plummer	3	0	19	0
Gahagan	9	0	55	6
Paterson	9	2	29	1
Planner	1.4	1	0	2

Hong Kong C.C.

C. E. Gahagan, c & b Skinner	13
J. R. Ratten, b Skinner	1
A. H. Harbord, st. Carr, b Gahagan	1
J. A. H. Plummer, c Dand, b Chadwick	2
D. Kilbee, c Lee, b Skinner	10
P. W. Planner, c & b Lee	2
J. B. Davis, c Skinner, b Lee	10
F. F. A. Dunnott, b Lee	9
J. Solbanno, b Lawrence	15
W. Harris-Walker, b Overy	28
R. D. W. Paterson, not out	28
Extras (B25, LB2, NB)	28

Total 83
Falls of wickets:—1 for 0, 2 for 23, 3 for 26, 4 for 28, 5 for 28.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Skinner	6	2	11	3
Chadwick	4	1	5	2
Lee	7	3	10	3
Overy	4	1	20	1
Lawrence	2	0	9	1

LEAGUE II. AVERAGES.

League II.

Batting.	Inn.	Runs	H.S.	N.O.	Aver.
F. S. W. Smith (K.C.C.)	9	338	100	1	42.25
F. E. Lawrence (K.C.C.)	8	290	91	2	37.12
A. E. Wood (C.S.C.C.)	10	185	49	3	37.00
G. Lee (K.C.C.)	9	192	60	1	24.00
A. P. Gutierrez (Recreio)	4	95	33	0	23.75
F. E. Skinner (K.C.C.)	4	69	35	1	23.00
Cpl. Church (S.W.B.)	3	66	44	0	22.00
Lt. Barlow (S.W.B.)	6	132	41	0	22.00
Dr. Whitley (R.A.S.C.)	7	150	64	0	21.42
Col. Skinner (R.E. & Sig.)	7	150	64	0	21.42

* Denotes not out innings.
The qualification for the above table is three completed innings and an average of over 20 runs per innings.

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
W. Way (C.C.C.)	23.2	2	97	16	6.06
G. Gutierrez (Recreio)	23	4	49	8	6.12
W. Stoker (K.C.C.)	30	5	68	10	6.80
Lt. Hamilton (S.W.B.)	26	6	69	10	6.90
Capt. Wales (S.W.B.)	33	7	76	10	7.60
A. R. Buflad (I.R.C.)	21	5	76	10	7.60
A. M. Ramjahn (I.R.C.)	83.2	15	209	25	8.36
F. M. el Aroull (I.R.C.)	72	20	169	19	8.89
G. Lee (K.C.C.)	72.1	11	231	26	8.89
Pie. Roman (S.W.B.)	87.1	18	226	24	9.41
Pie. Roman (S.W.B.)	88.4	20	277	28	9.89
Dr. Whitley (R.A.S.C.)	66.5	16	200	20	10.00
Cpl. Meehan (R.E. & Sig.)	66.5	16	200	20	10.00

The qualification for the above table is 20 overs and an average of not more than 10 runs per wicket.

HONOURS LIST.

The following were the best batting and bowling performances achieved in yesterday's League and friendly matches:—

BATTING.

League II.	
E. C. G. Barry (C.C.C.)	46
Dr. Whitley (R.A.S.C.)	32*
F. Broadbridge (C.C.C.)	28
Friendly.	
G. R. Sayer (H.K.C.C. I.)	89
E. J. R. Mitchell (H.K.C.C. I.)	62*
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C. I.)	44
F. E. Skinner (K.C.C. I.)	40*

BOWLING.

League II.	
Dr. Whitley (R.A.S.C.)	5 for 29
W. Way (C.C.C.)	5 for 39
Friendly.	
Gahagan (H.K.C.C. I.)	6 for 55
Beck (H.K.C.C. I.)	4 for 27
Lyal (K.C.C. I.)	4 for 86
G. Lee (K.C.C. I.)	3 for 10
F. E. Skinner (H.K.C.C. I.)	3 for 11

TABLE TO DATE.

League II.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	Pts.
Indian R.C.	9	7	1	1	27	22
Kowloon C.C.	9	6	3	0	27	21
Recreio	10	6	2	2	30	20
Craigengower	10	5	0	5	30	15
Borderers	9	4	2	3	27	14
Police R.C.	10	3	3	4	30	12
R.E. & Sig.	10	3	3	4	30	12
Hong Kong C.C.	8	2	1	5	24	7
R.A.S.C.	8	2	1	5	24	7
Civil Service	10	0	4	6	30	4

GOLF.

Kowloon v. Y.M.C.A.

The following is the draw and starting times for the annual match between the Kowloon Golf Club and the Y.M.C.A. to be played over the Kowloon course on Monday. Singles will be played in the morning and foursomes in the afternoon.

Y.M.C.A.	K.G.C.
9.30—Cogan v. Braley.	
9.35—McKnight v. Eastman.	
9.40—Hampton v. Urquhart.	
9.45—Mundy v. Charman.	
9.50—Russell v. Laughton.	
9.55—Hunt v. Mitchell.	
10.00—Buxton v. Pooler.	
10.05—Murphy v. Buller.	
10.10—Saunderson v. Reid.	
10.15—Angus v. Roo.	
10.20—Ferguson v. Gellatly.	
10.25—H. Angus v. Simpson.	

SENIOR SHIELD FINAL.

Borderers Triumph
Over Club.

POTE-HUNT STARVED.

Civilians Score First But Fail To
Hold Advantage.

[By Spot Kick.]

Club 2 Borderers 3
A well-fought and fairly even match was witnessed in the Senior Shield Final on the Club ground yesterday. The Borderers, who were better in midfield play and quicker in constructed movements towards goal just deserved their superiority by an old goal victory. Slowness in front of goal by both forward lines, however, tended to slow the play down and to rob the game of its interest.

The Club, who first won the Shield in the dim dark year of 1899 and who have since repeated this success on four occasions, were greatly strengthened at forward. Howe resumed at centre forward, and J. Pote-Hunt, the Shanghai Interport player, who played such inspiring football against the Colony last year, took up the inside left position, whilst W. Gerrard partnered Segalen on the right wing.

The Borderers, whose team was unchanged from that which entered the final, were on the defensive at the opening, and the thrustful raids of the Club found the opposing defenders a little unsteady. Pote-Hunt and Howe were combining splendidly and caused much trouble in the early stages. As the game went on, however, Pote-Hunt was more-or-less starved, and what he did to advantage was the result of his own individual brilliance.

Howe Opens Scoring.

After Channings had brought Rodger into action, the Club went ahead as the result of splendid work by the two Interporters. Howe running in to place his shot well out of Johnson's reach. Harris, the Borderers' right winger was showing much better form than of late, but was sadly neglected. Davis being content to pass the ball over to Duncan on the left when Harris was standing well placed for a dash for goal. A collision with a defender was responsible for Duncan leaving the field with an arm injury.

The Club were still causing the Borderers' defenders much anxiety as the result of their close passing movements, but the inside men always hesitated to shoot at the right moment. The strength of the Borderers' half back line, however, soon began to take effect and gradually wore down the Club's keen aggressive play. Channings in the centre-half position did not give Howe much scope, and Underwood's positioning kept the Club right wing subdued. It was through Channings that Harris scored the equaliser with a first timer. When Duncan returned he founded the Borderers on the offensive, but Rodger neatly cleared from Jones, and the Club went down with Strange in possession. Mullane was beaten and Johnson advanced to meet the Club man and collided, but E. Strange got his foot to the ball and shot it into an empty net to give the Club the lead.

Foley Impresses.

Duncan's centres were the only interesting feature of a dull period that followed, but they always found the wrong man waiting for them. S. Strange was showing splendid judgment in tackling and clearing his goal-mouth and was ably partnered by Foley, whose duels with Harris or Davies brought the best out of him to much advantage. Weak shooting still spoiled the finishing of good midfield play.

The Club should have gone further ahead when Howe fastened on close in and shot to find Johnson out of goal, but Mullane just managed to get his foot to the ball and divert it for a fruitless corner. The Borderers made

a couple of changes at this stage, Morrison, who was limping going up into the forward line, whilst Channings and Podmore dropped back. Morrison, however, was soon proving his worth in the attack when he put across to Davies, who gave the Borderers the lead with a simple shot. Close on the interval Rodger was called upon to save splendidly from Harris.

Borderers Improve.

Resuming, after an even first half, the Club made a change, Segalen coming to inside right, whilst Gerrard went on the right wing. The Borderers were now serving up splendid football, only to have their chances neutralised by their persistently bad shooting. Duncan was sending over well-placed passes every time he got free of Strange, but he only found his effort run out of play or returned to midfield. Foley was responsible for saving Rodger quite a lot of trouble by his timely tackles and clearances.

The Club broke away and good combining between Pote-Hunt, Segalen and Skinner resulted in Howe gaining possession for a well-placed shot, but the shot went inches over the bar. At the other end Jones tried one of his hook shots, but found Rodger well on the alert to clear well. Play was now becoming rather scrappy and of the Cup tie type, with each side all out for the winning goal. Gaps were appearing in both defences, which let in a forward to shoot, but both lines appeared desirous of making too sure in netting, with the result that dallying in front of goal slowed up the play and gave the opposing defenders time to position themselves.

Jones' Winning Goal.

Howe sent E. Strange away and the winger cut in to test Johnson with a hot shot, but the ball was deflected for another fruitless corner. Howe sustained a twist to his knee and was forced to go on the left wing for a time. The Borderers reopened their attack and many times did they appear to be well away for the winning goal, but no shooting was attempted until a splendid piece of work by Davies, Harris and Jones enabled them to run through the unpositioned defence and from the latter's centre, Jones beat Rodger with a well-placed shot. The Club tried hard for a last minute goal, but the pace of ninety minutes began to tell. Duncan received another injury and left the field within a few minutes of the final whistle.

Club:—Rodger; S. Strange, Foley; Raiton, Skinner, Baldwin; Segalen, Gerrard, Howe, Pote-Hunt, and E. Strange.

Borderers:—Johnson; Mullane, Morrison; Morgan, Channings, Underwood; Harris, Davies, Podmore, Duncan.

Referee:—Sgt. Caswell.

Past Winners.

Senior Shield since 1920:—	
1920	Hong Kong Police.
1921	H.M.S. Titania.
1922	Hong Kong Football Club.
1923	Kowloon Football Club.
1924	1st Batt. East Surrey Regt.
1925	Kowloon Football Club.
1926	Kowloon Football Club.
1927	King's Own Scottish Borderers Regt.
1928	Kowloon Football Club.
1929	South China A.A.
1930	Somerset Light Infantry Regt.
1931	South China A.A.

The R.A.F. make their final burst, but the Gunners proved just as strong as they had done throughout the rest of the game and their defence was not to be again pierced. R.A.F.:—Ditchburn; Bulmer; Harvey; Read, Collins, Havorth; Reading, Peters, Brimble, Summers and Kemish.

12th Battery:—Heard; Frearson, Taylor; Gardner, Pardoe, Rodgers; Gough, Allen, Walker, Moore and Woods.

Referee:—Cpl. Hollands, R.M.

Past Winners.

The following have won the Junior Shield since its inception in 1923:—	
1923	2nd Batt. King's Regt.
1924	H.M.S. Titania.
1925	1st Batt. East Surrey Regt.
1926	1st Batt. East Surrey Regt.
1927	King's Own Scottish Borderers Regt.
1928	Chinese Athletic.
1929	King's Own Scottish Borderers Regt.
1930	Chinese Athletic.
1931	Royal Navy.

JUNIOR SHIELD FINAL.

Gunners' Physique
Turns the Tide.

DITCHBURN'S FINE DISPLAY.

Air Force Go Down
Fighting.

[By "Lineaman".]

R.A.F. 1 12th Div. 2
A large crowd was present on the Club ground at Happy Valley to witness the defeat of the Royal Air Force after a hard and gruelling game, the 12th Battery, R.A., winning by the odd goal in three. It was anybody's game throughout. The gunners may well attribute their success to their size, the small R.A.F. forward line being beaten to the ball on every occasion when it came to heading. Both defences played magnificently, there was nothing to choose between them. Read and Collins together with Haworth, made up a half back line who never knew when they were beaten. Harvey and Bulmer at full back, got through a tremendous amount of work and emerged covered with glory. Ditchburn, the Air-men's keeper, showed a safe pair of hands and the two shots that beat him would have beaten most goalkeepers.

Play at the commencement was fast and even. True Cup-tie spirit prevailed. No quarter was asked or given by either eleven. Settling down, the Gunners held a slight superiority over their smaller opponents by virtue of their height and dashing methods. Reading and Peters were in evidence on the R.A.F. right wing, combining together on some pretty movements.

The 12th got through and forced a corner off Bulmer, the resulting place kick being shot hard past by Moore. The latter, however, schemed cleverly to push the ball out to Walker, opening up a clear field, but Walker proved too eager and dashed forward ere the pass was made to be pulled up for offside. From a free kick outside the area Pardoe put the ball past. Read sent Reading away and after a neat touch line run the latter sent the ball over for Brimble to head into Heard's hands. The Battery returned, Moore put out to Gough on the right

SEASON TICKET BREAKS 6 FURLONGS RECORD

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FAVOURITES' OFF - DAY.

**Woodland Stag Beaten
By A Neck.**

MR. Y. S. CHANG AGAIN LEADS.

It was certainly not the favourites' day at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon when the opening programme of the Easter Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club was held under ideal conditions.

The long string of big dividends, paid by both winning and placed ponies, did much to promote optimistic atmosphere, and useful money was made by those in the know.

Riding Helter Skelter in the Commonwealth Handicap, "D" Class, the first event of the day, Mr. D. Black opened with the highest return of the day, \$209.90 for a win. Following immediately on this, Mr. Reidy created no small sensation by riding Season Ticket for a win in the Rosehill Handicap for Australian ponies, beating Woodland Stag, the favourite, and incidentally clipping two seconds off the record for six furlongs set by Chungat at the Annual Race Meeting. This was truly a great race and Woodland Stag ridden by Mr. Frost was only beaten by a neck.

Mr. Y. S. Chang was the most successful jockey of the day, having no less than three firsts, three seconds and a third to his credit, while Mr. Leo Frost had two wins and four seconds and Mr. Ip Kul-ying two firsts and a third.

Fields were large in most of the events and times good.

THE RESULTS.

1.—12.30 P.M. — Commonwealth Handicap.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One Mile.	2.—Rosehill Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, "A" Class. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.
Helenside's Helter Skelter 140 lb. (Mr. D. Black) 1	Chan Tin-son's Woodland Stag 160 lb. (Mr. Frost) 2
E. L. Hosie's Philanderer 158 lb. (Mr. W. W. Miles) 2	Kwong Sai's Wotin 148 lb. (Mr. Proulx) 3
L. T. F.'s Gold Bar 156 lb. (Mr. Butler) 3	Also ran: City of Melbourne 148 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang); Evening Star 150 lb. (Mr. S. N. Pan); Kilrea 147 lb. (Mr. Harriman); Manna 140 lb. (Mr. A. W. da Roza); Pegasus 142 lb. (Mr. A. A. R. Botelho); Sunlight 153 lb. (Mr. Butler).
Also ran: Blue Heaven 155 lb. (Mr. H. P. Channon); Buchanan 155 lb. (Mr. A. M. L. Soares); Celerity 140 lb. (Mr. Carroll); Country Club 140 lb. (Mr. A. E. M. Rafeek); Duke of Milan 149 lb. (Mr. J. H. Charsley); Echo 142 lb. (Mr. Benham); Heliotrope Leaf 155 lb. (Lt. Beresford); Little Gem 140 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung); Scappit 143 lb. (Mr. Noronha); Shanghai Beau 152 lb. (Mr. H. P. Rees); Sonny Boy 149 lb. (Mr. H. C. Lee); Tango 149 lb. (Mr. A. A. R. Botelho).	Time:—1 min. 21.2/5 secs. (Record).
Won by a neck; 3 lengths.	Parl-mutuel:—Winner \$23.70; Places, 1st \$5.80; 2nd \$5.20; 3rd \$6.10.
Parl-mutuel:—Winner \$209.90; Places, 1st \$29.50; 2nd \$9.40; 3rd \$6.20.	Winner Places
Gold Bar 531 1,006	Woodland Stag 1,370 1,729
Philanderer 180 284	Season Ticket 436 431
Blue Heaven 97 180	Wotin 206 345
Little Gem 99 174	Sunlight 160 244
Buchanan 58 151	City of Melbourne 75 129
Tango 76 128	Evening Star 31 99
Echo 56 97	Manna 37 52
Duke of Milan 56 76	Kilrea 23 36
Scappit 34 72	Pegasus 12 31
Helter Skelter 27 51	
Sonny Boy 18 51	
Celerity 17 42	
Shanghai Beau 24 36	
Heliotrope Leaf 11 21	
Country Club 5 6	

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(Mr. Black); Christmas Belle 147 lb. (Mr. Palmer); Christmas Frolic 162 lb. (Mr. Stanton); Cloudy Eve 168 lb. (Mr. Charles); Devon 140 lb. (Mr. Miles); Esculapio 140 lb. (Mr. Benham); Festival Eve 141 lb. (Mr. Proulx); Gold Ring 156 lb. (Mr. S. N. Pan); Hullo 151 lb. (Mr. F. M. L. Soares); Imperial Hall 152 lb. (Mr. Harriman); Just Imagine 140 lb. (Mr. A. E. M. Rafeek); Lobster Bay 158 lb. (Mr. Noronha); Mindoro 140 lb. (Mr. H. C. Lee); Mon Talisman 140 lb. (Mr. A. W. da Roza); Navy Hall 165 lb. (Mr. Caplan); Orlando 155 lb. (Mr. Y. M. Loo); San Francisco 152 lb. (Mr. Cleland); The Gadwall 140 lb. (Mr. Butler); The Plover 155 lb. (Mr. Carroll); Toby 140 lb. (Mr. S. Y. Liang); Tommy Boy 148 lb. (Mr. Charsley); Wembly Stag 160 lb. (Mr. Frost).	Winner Places
Time: 2 mins. 15 secs.	Wembly Stag 502 810
Won by: 1 1/2 lengths, 1 length.	Gold Ring 343 531
Parl-mutuel:—Winner \$36.90; Places, 1st \$12.00; 2nd \$9.70; 3rd \$65.40.	King's Parade 285 650
Winner Places	Don 236 438
Wembly Stag 502 810	Navy Hall 141 215
Gold Ring 343 531	Orlando 99 77
King's Parade 285 650	Alexandra Hall 90 129
Don 236 438	Festival Eve 47 73
Navy Hall 141 215	Lobster Bay 36 71
Orlando 99 77	Christmas Frolic 33 43
Alexandra Hall 90 129	Powhatan 25 51
Festival Eve 47 73	Mon Talisman 24 55
Lobster Bay 36 71	Hullo 21 39
Christmas Frolic 33 43	Imperial Hall 15 29
Powhatan 25 51	Toby 13 38
Mon Talisman 24 55	Cloudy Eve 13 31
Hullo 21 39	Devil 10 19
Imperial Hall 15 29	Just Imagine 8 8
Toby 13 38	San Francisco 7 14
Cloudy Eve 13 31	The Gadwall 6 19
Devil 10 19	Cebu 6 6
Just Imagine 8 8	Mindoro 4 9
San Francisco 7 14	The Plover 4 8
The Gadwall 6 19	Cabinet Hall 3 9
Cebu 6 6	Christmas Belle 2 7
Mindoro 4 9	Esculapio 2 1
The Plover 4 8	Blueve 1 4
Cabinet Hall 3 9	Tommy Boy 1 4
Christmas Belle 2 7	
Esculapio 2 1	
Blueve 1 4	
Tommy Boy 1 4	

6.—First Aggregate Stakes. Value \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of \$5,000 or more in stakes anywhere since January 1, 1932. 5 lb. penalty; of \$4,000 to \$4,999, 5 lb. allowance; of \$3,000 to \$3,999, 7 lb. allowance; of less than \$3,000, 10 lb. allowance. The Stakes will be run for six times, or as decided by the Stewards. At the end of the Season, an additional sum of \$2,000 will be divided between the ponies scoring most marks in the races for the Stakes during the Season in the proportion of first 70 per cent, second 20 per cent, and third 10 per cent of the added money, so far as is consistent with ties. Marks to count 4 for a win, 2 for a second and 1 for a third in each race. The benefit of marks already scored to pass with a pony on a sale. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.	Winner Places
L. Dunbar's Glencles 149 lb. (Mr. Frost) 1	Dynasty's King's Bounty 148 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 2
L. Reidy's Bag & Baggage 151 lb. (Mr. Reidy) 3	Also ran: Cyclamen Bay 145 lb. (Mr. Butler); Silver Bell 151 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung); Valorous 145 lb. (Mr. Proulx).
Time: 1 min. 26.1/5 secs.	Won by: 2 lengths; 1/2 length.
Parl-mutuel:—Winner \$11.40; Places, 1st \$5.10; 2nd \$5.10; 3rd \$5.30.	Winner Places
King's Bounty 1,632 1,203	Glencles 1,219 908
Glencles 1,219 908	Bag & Baggage 159 264
Bag & Baggage 159 264	Cyclamen Bay 108 191
Cyclamen Bay 108 191	Valorous 52 124
Valorous 52 124	Silver Bell 8 45
Silver Bell 8 45	

	Winner	Places	
Wemibly Stag	502	810	ponies scoring most marks in the
Gold Ring	343	531	aces for the Stakes during the
King's Parade	285	650	Season in the proportion of first
Don	236	438	70 per cent., second 20 per cent
Navy Hull	141	215	and third 10 per cent. of the
Orlando	99	77	added money, so far as is consist-
Alexandra Hall ...	90	129	ent with ties. Marks to count 4
Festival Eve	47	73	for a win, 2 for a second and 1
Lobster Bay	36	71	for a third in each race. The
Christmas Frolic ..	33	43	benefit of marks already scored
Powhatan	25	51	to pass with a pony on a sale.
Mon Talisman	24	55	Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.
Hollo	21	39	L. Dunbar's Glencagies 149 lb.
Imperial Hall	15	29	(Mr. Frost) 1
T	19	29	Dynasty's King's Bounty 148 lb.
			(Mr. Y. S. Chang) 2

8.—Commonwealth Handicap. Winner \$550. Second \$275. Third \$175. For China Ponies, "B" Class. Entrance \$5. From the Mile Post Once Round and In (about One Mile 171 Yards).	Winner Places
Dynasty's King's Justice 165 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 1	Tester & Abraham's The Tiger 150 lb. (Mr. Frost) 2
H. S. Chan's Racing Boy 165 lb. (Mr. Butler) 3	Also ran: Adam 140 lb. (Mr. Proulx); Bowery Bay 145 lb. (Mr. Frost).
Time: 1 min. 24.2/5 secs.	Won by: A length, short head.
Parl-mutuel:—Winner \$33.60; Places, 1st \$13.70; 2nd \$18.40; 3rd \$33.20.	Winner Places
King's Justice 1,685 2,000	Princess Hall 818 772
Princess Hall 818 772	Lunar Star 448 600
Lunar Star 448 600	Workable Stag 205 282
Workable Stag 205 282	Deveron 140 258
Deveron 140 258	Chateau Bay 83 167
Chateau Bay 83 167	Tontine 75 168
Tontine 75 168	Christmas Joy 18 37
Christmas Joy 18 37	Jock Scott 13 31
Jock Scott 13 31	Myrtle Leaf 11 39
Myrtle Leaf 11 39	The Lion 5 18
The Lion 5 18	

1.—Colonial Stakes.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, Griffins of this Season, whether starters or not. Weight for inches as per scale. Non-winning starters allowed 7 lb. Winners of two races, 7 lb. penalty; of more than two races, barred. Jockey Allowance. Allow- ances accumulative. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.	Cyclamen Bay 108 191 Valorous 52 124 Silver Bell 8 45
Samson's Princess Hall 161 lb. (Mr. A. W. da Roza) 1 Li & Li's Deveron 154 lb. *	7.—Commonwealth Handicap. Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "E" Class. Entrance \$5. One Mile. Li & Li's Mistletoe 155 lb. ... (Mr. Ip Kul-ying) 1 H. S. Chan's Pochontash 158 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 2 Hau Un's Jupiter 148 lb. (Mr. Charsley) 3 Also ran: Blue Planet 165 lb. (Mr. Caplan); Bright Eyes 165 lb.

D. J. Lewis's Tontine 161 lb. (Mr. P. Kul-ying)	2*	(Mr. F. M. L. Soares); Dan'l Whid- don 152 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Tung);
Also ran: Chateau Bay 153 lb. (Mr. Butler); Christmas Joy 154 lb. (Mr. Proulx); Dee 155 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang); Jock Scott 156 lb. (Mr. Black); Lunar Star 158 lb. (Mr. S. N. Pan); Myrtle Leaf 146 lb. (Mr. Carroll); The Lion 145 lb. (Mr. Charsley); Workable Stag 161 lb. (Mr. Frost).	2*	Estrellita 155 lb. (Mr. A. A. R. Botelho); Friar John 145 lb. (Mr. Proulx); Gamester 153 (Mr. But- ler); Highjinks 155 lb. (Mr. Frost); Hirwego 155 lb. (Mr. Benham); Horsody 158 lb. (Mr. S. N. Pan); Huggo 150 lb. (Mr. Rafeek); Kan- paz 156 lb. (Mr. Charles); Movie Star 146 lb. (Mr. Noronha); The Crook 155 lb. (Mr. Harriman); The Wanderer 156 lb. (Mr. H. C. Lee); Trigo 142 lb. A. W. da Roza); Vim 156 lb. (Mr. S. Y. Liang); White Label 151 lb. (Mr. Carroll).
* Dead Heat.		
Time: 2 mins. 35.2/5 secs.		
Won by: A neck.		
Parl-mutuel:— Winner \$18.80;		

Places, 1st \$10.70; 2nd \$31.30 (Tontine) and \$22.10 (Deveron).	Time: 2 mins: 08 secs. Won by: 3 lengths, 5 lengths.	
	Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$54.50; Places, 1st \$10.00; 2nd \$6.50; 3rd \$39.20.	
	Winner	Places
Dec	1,685	2,000
Princess Hall	818	772
Lunar Star	448	600
Workable Stag	205	282
Deveron	140	258
Chateau Bay	83	167
Tontine	75	168
Christmas Joy	18	37
Jock Scott	13	31
Myrtle Leaf	11	39
The Lion	5	18
	Winner	Places
Pocahontas	1,146	1,302
Mistletoe	192	394
Kanpaz	416	390
Highjinks	154	268
The Crook	96	218
Estrellita	69	113
Hosordy	51	102
Trigo	63	100
Hirvego	30	60
Friar John	22	60

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H. S. Chan's Racing Boy 165 lb. (Mr. Butler) 3	Also ran: Adam 140 lb. (Mr. Proulx); Bowery Bay 145 lb. (Mr. Frost).
Time: 1 min. 24.2/5 secs.	Won by: A length, short head.
Parl-mutuel:—Winner \$33.60; Places, 1st \$13.70; 2nd \$18.40; 3rd \$33.20.	Winner Places
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THE "SALT" AND HIS MONEY.

By A. H. B.

SAILORMEN have always had great ideas on hiding their money about their persons after being paid off. They will go to a great amount of trouble, while at sea, in fitting their shore-going clothes with secret pockets or making fancy money belts. I sailed with a carpenter once who had fitted fancy heels to his boots. He could stow away twelve sovereigns in each heel, but one night in Lower George Street, Sydney, one of his heels came off, and in spite of the fact that a gang of larrikins helped him to look for the ten sovereigns (or perhaps because of that fact) he only managed to recover four. A couple of nights after that someone stole his boots, and if the man who took them had known about the five quid sewn into the leg of his trousers poor Chips would have been broke and trouserless.

If you should ever be in a pub down Poplar way and notice a seaman going through curious contortions which may appear to you to be an effort to scratch some inaccessible part of his body you can be sure he has spent the money he had allowed himself for the day, and is trying to find a way into a secret hiding-place for more cash. This old tendency of sailormen to hide their money still exists, although not to such an extent as it did in the days when we were paid off with real money. Less than a year ago in Lourenco Marques, in Portuguese East Africa, I saw a sailorman cut a button off his jacket and after removing the cloth from it produce a sovereign. There were only two buttons left on his jacket, but his waistcoat buttons were intact and looked like cloth-covered half-sovereigns, and the way that man was putting away his drink led me to believe that he would be buttonless before morning.

That incident reminded me of a man I knew as "Golden Buttons"—though he didn't hide his wealth, at least he didn't hide all of it. Down each side of his jacket were rows of six sovereigns, and his waistcoat had double rows of half-sovereigns. I saw him first in the famous Marble Bar in Pitt Street, Sydney, N.S.W., and once or twice after that we were fellow-passengers on the Manley ferry-boat from Circular Quay. Manley was the only big surfing beach then, and I doubt if Bondi and Coogee had been thought of. Circular Quay

was the trysting-place for all the odd and curious characters that made up the lower social life of the city. Remittance men and ne'er-do-well exiles from home were as common about the quay as pubs were in George Street. Gangs of Sydney larrikins found good pickings there and on the ferry-boats. The Australian larrikin in second to none of his type in other parts of the world. No Bowery tough or highbucker in New York, no highway shark or dockside rat in London was more ruthless or adept at his trade than the Sydney larrikin, so I often wondered why this man should parade his gold before them with apparent unconcern for it or his safety. He was certainly a large man and looked capable of putting up a good fight if necessary. He was a showman and gambler, I learned, and had followed the sea for many years before taking up his present way of getting a living. Ranwick knew him well, and the only time he was away from Sydney or his shows at Manley was during the Melbourne Cup week. He had a real name, of course, though I've

forgotten it, but he had the Australian prefix "Snowy," which they give to anyone down under with light, fair hair. Everyone expected him to be laid out and robbed sooner or later. Even the newspapers commented on his foolishness, with his reply to them was to turn out one day with a band of sovereigns round his cap. He wore no chin-strap on it, and I wondered more than once what would happen if it went overboard from the ferry. How many people would go over after it? Then I remembered the sharks. I wouldn't for one. Nevertheless everyone expected him to lose the thirty pounds he flouted so defiantly in the face of Sydney's underworld.

He never did. It was in quite another way that the "I told you so's" were justified, and then the losing of his wealth happened after such a gallant and courageous deed by "Golden Buttons" that they were ashamed into remaining silent. It happened on a Sunday afternoon when the ferry was nearing Manley pier. A girl fell overboard, and "Snowy," without a thought of his wealth, discarded jacket and hat and went in after and brought her safely to the pier. He had handed her to safety and the waiting arms of mother, and was getting out of the water himself when the shark got his foot. They got him away, but they had to take his leg off below the knee in hospital. His jacket was recovered without the buttons, but his cap with its twelve sovereigns was never found.

A few years afterwards I was shipmate with a man who knew "Snowy" well and had his friendship and he told me why "Snowy" never seemed to mind the loss of his jacket and cap, but begged the doctor in hospital to look after his waistcoat. "You see," his friend told me, "the man who stole his jacket and cap didn't have told that the sovereigns were not real, and "Snowy" wanted to keep it from getting about that the buttons on his waistcoat were really Queen Jubilee sixpences gilded up."

Somewhat I felt that my shipmate could not have been such a friend of Snowy's. Anyway, I didn't believe him. It worried me. I like to believe they were real. They represented such enormous wealth to an apprentice who had sixpence a week pocket money.

HOWLERS.

FROM THE CLASSROOM.

The Torrid Zone is caused by the friction of the equator which runs round the earth in the middle like a piece of rope.

A.D.—After Daniel.

Old King Cole was the "Merry Monarch."

"She" is the objective of "He."

Joan of Arc sailed with Noah during the flood.

Q.E.D.—Quod est desperandum.

The Milky Way is the way you feed infants.

A polygon is a man with more than one wife, but an Englishman is not allowed to be one, for his wife brings him up for it.

Skim milk comes from a young cow in the summer and condensed milk from an old cow in winter.

SUNDAY SALLIES

"What China needs," says a political writer, "is a system of government like ours." In some cases, of course, desperate diseases require desperate remedies.

To-day's little spot of wisdom:—May a man become a bad egg after marriage because the "yoke" then becomes too strong.

It is stated that some radio announcers give their services for nothing. All for the love of "mike"?

A witness lost all his money while waiting in the Law Courts to be called. As no members of the Bar were in the vicinity, the affair remains a mystery.

To-day Pessimistic Conclusion:—Things are so bad just now, even what passes between tea-pot and cup is strained to the limit.

"In spite of the depression, American women last year spent \$125,000,000 on cosmetics and \$70,000,000 more in beauty shops." They are determined to put the best face on it.

To-day's little definitions:—When a man hits a policeman, that's "a savage attack." When a policeman hits a man—that's "dealt with him smartly."

Of the latest gangster slaughter in New York we are told that "the verdict of the police is that the massacre is merely the latest chapter in the war between the rival forces of Schultz and Coll for the control of beer in the Bronx." The use of the word "merely" will give a valuable clue to historians.

The trouble about High Finance is that it is too often very low.

Three Sergeant-Majors — grandfather, father, and son—live together at Reading. Parade!—shun that house.

A Rome telegram reports an affray at Gergonzola in consequence of a defeat of the local football team. One had always suspected that there was a furious hidden activity going on between the Blues and the Whites.

A manufacturer says that hundreds of tons of sugar are wasted every year in the bottoms of tea cups. This news should create a big stir in Aberdeen.

At last an answer has been discovered to the old question—what is faster than lightning? We had the privilege of witnessing a cold-bath fiend having his matutinal plunge.

An American has expressed his desire to present to Westminster Abbey "a statue of the common man." He seems to be unaware that one of the humbler stone in the building already bears the inscription "J. Smith."

TO-DAY'S THOUGHT

No man can climb out beyond the limitations of his own character.—Lord Morley.

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.—Herbert Spencer.

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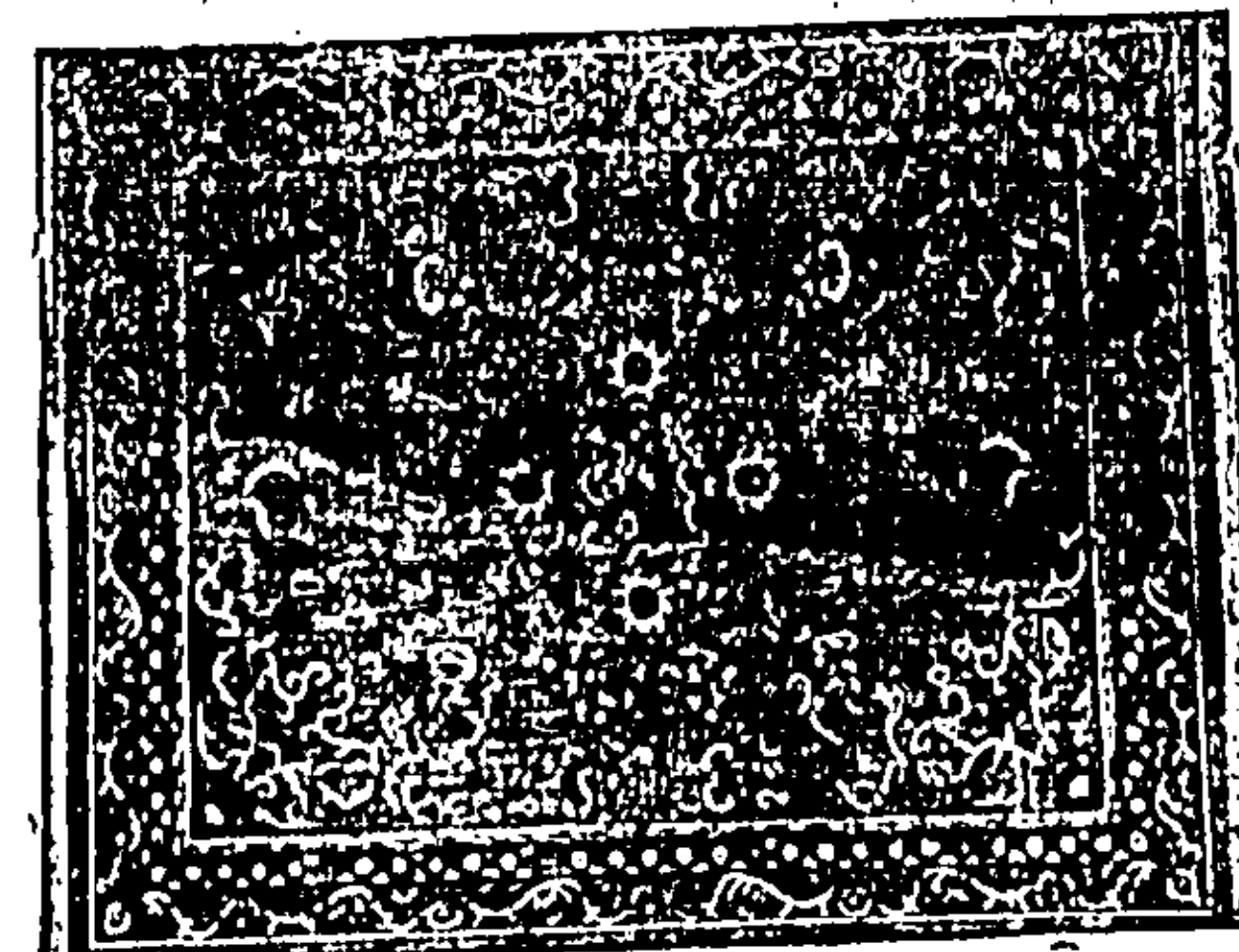
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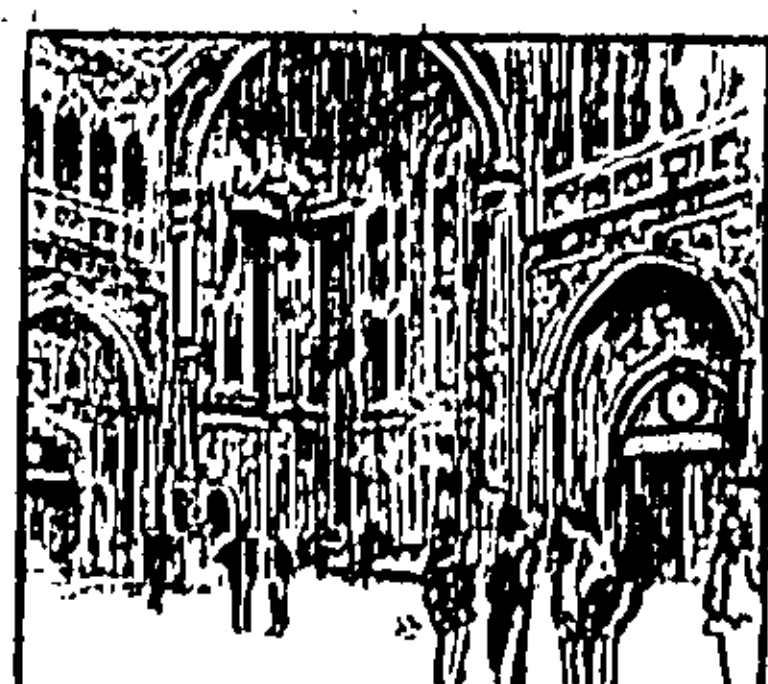
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OUR LONDON LETTER.

Sir John Gilmour's outline of the Government's agricultural policy in the House of Commons was in some respects the most important event of a memorable week at Westminster. Following so closely after the tariff declarations by Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Mr. Walter Runciman, and dealing with a subject of the greatest concern to the nation, it had a vital bearing on the whole problem of our economic future. The statement made it clear that, as Minister of Agriculture, the former Scottish Secretary has a rare opportunity to mark himself out as a "key" man in the present administration. Sir John's administrative ability is supported by a long Parliamentary experience, and he is always a "bonnie fechter."

Leap Year Day.
More trouble was taken this time to celebrate Leap Year than previously. On Leap Year Day (February 29) thirty thousand people in Britain, it was estimated, celebrated their first birthday for four years, and some of them rolled their four years into one handsome celebration.

Many such birthday parties were held in London hotels. The features of these affairs were Leap Year vintage wines, Leap Year birthday cakes (with one candle in four illuminated), and a special dish called Leap Year Pie. At some of the Leap Year parties at the Savoy the hosts of the evening were women, who ordered the dinners, the drinks, and the cigars, paid the bills, and asked the men to dance. After midnight the normal order of things was restored and men became men again, as in the wide open spaces.

Greyhound Wedding.
Greyhounds, including the veteran "Swash-buckler," formed a guard of honour at St. John's Church, Wembley, Middlesex, when the marriage took place of Miss Sunny Mulliner, the only kennel maid licensed by the National Greyhound Racing Association, and Mr. W. G. Garratty. At the reception "Swash-buckler," who used to be trained by the bride, was the chief guest and had one of the first cuts of the wedding-cake.

Lloyd George's Book.
Mr. Lloyd George's enforced absence from the House of Commons has given him the necessary time for the preparation of his long-awaited book of 35,000 words. He is now correcting proofs and adding the final Lloyd Georgian touches. Secret letters to President Wilson and an account of events leading to the Ruhr occupation will make interesting reading.

Soviet Talkie.
The Soviet Ambassador showed a Russian "talkie," "The Road to Life," to an assembly of invited guests at the Russian Embassy last week. Previously the dress at these receptions had been as divergent as their wearers' political views, but on this occasion, the first reception since the election, full dress was predominant, the lights were brighter, the vodka was rarer, and an orchestra played at the far end of the reception-rooms into which the company moved after seeing the film.

Busy Debutantes.
Now that the Queen has approved of the designs for the gowns to be worn at the coming Courts, preparations for the most brilliant events of London's social season will begin in earnest. During the next two or three months the life of the debutante will be crowded with various engagements at the dress-maker, hairdresser, and photographer, and invitations to the coming-out parties and other entertainments which precede attendance at Buckingham Palace.

Already some of the schools at which debutantes take lessons in courtly deportment and acquire the art of the curtsy at the hands of experienced tutors are beginning to get busy, though the actual dates of the Courts have still to be announced.

BRIDGE NOTES.

WHY BE FRIGHTENED OF CONTRACT.

An Easy Way to
Learn.

RULE OF EIGHT.

[By Frank England.]

Nothing has surprised me more than the apparent reluctance of Auction players to take up Contract. Although in the big London clubs the game is now played almost to the exclusion of Auction, in the suburbs and provinces there are many places where it is hardly played at all.

This is strange, as I should have thought there can be no doubt that the newer game is more interesting and amusing.

There may be many reasons for Contract's slow progress, but the alteration in the scoring has, I believe, a great deal to answer for. If, instead of adopting the American scoring two years ago we had retained the old Auction scoring without any increased bonuses or penalties, and with perhaps no vulnerability, I feel sure Contract would have been the only Bridge played to-day.

The big figures of bonuses and penalties have frightened beginners, who have been led to believe that Contract is a much more expensive and gambling game. There is no force in this because, of course, these big figures can be easily counteracted by reducing the stakes by one-half or one-third.

Conventions Left Out.
If I were condemned to teach Contract I should collect four players who know nothing about the game, sit them down to a table and start them playing right away. I would not trouble them with books. I would not so much as mention conventions or systems. After playing this way for some time they would soon realise for themselves in what respects their bidding failed, the times they got game and failed to bid it, and the other times they bid it and went down heavily.

Contract affects beginners in different ways. Some are too timid to bid game and miss many games in consequence. Others are over bold and try for game every time and incur penalties. As soon as they begin to realise the difficulties it is time enough to give them some general standards as, for example, for original bids, informative doubles, pre-emptive bids, and so on.

The Rule of Eight.
One of the chief difficulties experienced by beginners is to be able to estimate after the opening bid whether the two partners have a hand worth game or one worth only a partial score. For this I recommend all Contract beginners to master the Rule of Eight—a matter of a few minutes, writes Frank England in *The Evening Standard*. It is an invaluable guide.

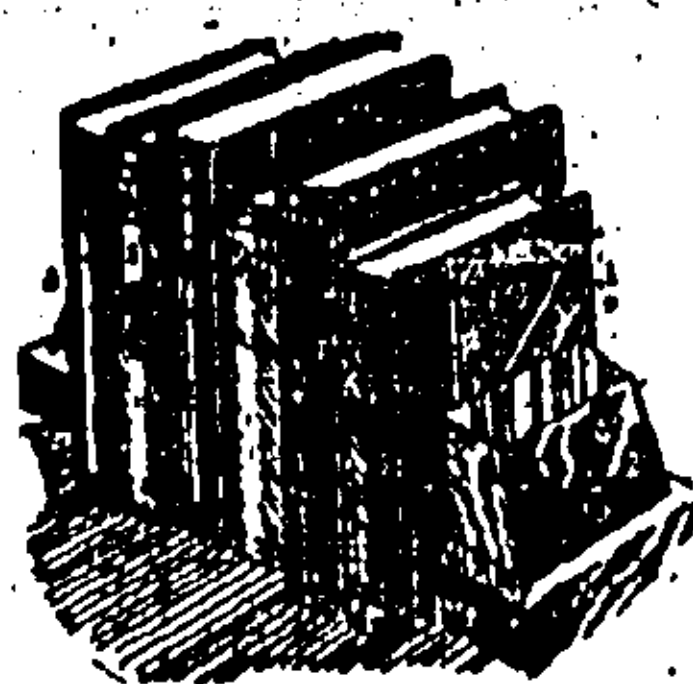
Shortly stated, the rule is that if the combined hands of the two partners contain 5½ quick tricks, they are worth a game in some declaration. If the combined hands contain fewer than 5½ tricks, game is in the majority of cases is not there. Here is a case. A few days ago I saw South, a beginner at Contract, pick up the following hand at a love score:

Spades A, x, x
Hearts A, K, J, x
Diamonds K, x, x
Clubs x, x, x

His partner opened the bidding with One Club, next opponent passed, South bid One No Trump, and all passed. South made Four No Trumps with the greatest of ease. Now South's bid of One No Trump was a very natural mistake for a beginner to make, but nevertheless a fatal one. A knowledge of the Rule of Eight would immediately tell South that, after his partner's original bid, his hand must be worth a certain game. His partner's One Club announced 2½ quick tricks at least. South's hand contained 3½—a total of 6.

The distribution of South's hand distinctly favoured No Trumps rather than a suit bid, and so a bid of Three No Trumps was imperative. If he bid less there was a grave risk that his partner would not have sufficient strength to continue the bidding, as indeed was the fact.

The Rule of Eight is equally applicable to and helpful in Auction. Try it at both games. It is not obvious from my explanation how the



COMING BOOKS.

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["A Chinese Triangle," by Louise Jordan Miln. Author of *Mr. and Mrs. Sen*, etc. 7/6 net.]

Ann Zu-zan, with her "big" unsqueezed feet and wilful ways, could only boast of two suitors; but Ann Zu-zan was far too happy and petted to worry about such things, and merely played with Lo Ti-nan and Ching-wel Pan while they patiently and charmingly courted her amid the beauty and splendour of her father's gardens.

["The Castleford Enigma," by J. J. Conington. Author of *The Sweepstake Murders*, etc. 7/6 net.]

Mr. Conington's new detective story deals with a group of people in which friction has arisen as a result of a perfectly natural series of events. An artist, his hand crippled by an accident, has married a rich and frivolous widow in order to secure the future of his daughter. As time goes on, however, he finds his daughter treated shabbily, whilst his own position is undermined on the one side by his wife's companion, who resents his incursion into the household, and on the other by his wife's step-brothers, who had expected to gain something from her estate. He learns that, apparently under their influence, she proposes to alter the will she made at the time of their marriage. Immediately after this, his wife is found shot in an isolated summer-house; and on investigation it is discovered that she has cancelled the original will without substituting a fresh one in its place. The problem of her death furnishes the main theme of the book; and it is complicated by the interests, direct and indirect, which the various parties have in her estate.

["The Silver Star," by Jackson Gregory. Author of *The Trail to Paradise*, etc. 7/6 net.]

Steve Cody, gambler, running with the wrong crowd in the little raw mining camp is the son of Stephen Cody, whom the good citizens are running for sheriff, in order to clean up the "tough" element. Unexpectedly, young Steve becomes sheriff. Which way will he jump? With which crowd will he hunt?

["Reginald Kennedy-Cox: An Autobiography (Hodder and Stoughton. 10s. 6d)."]

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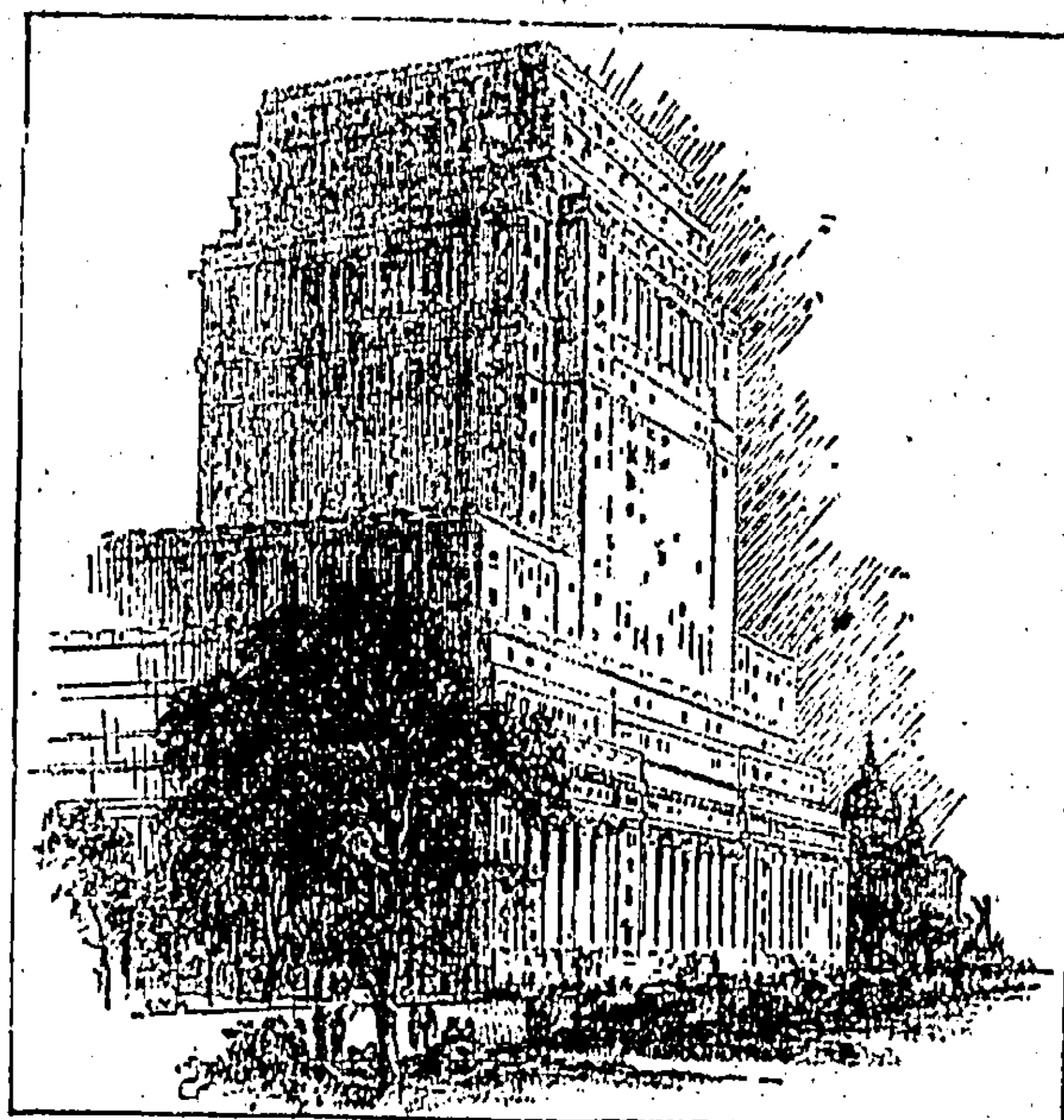
He found his work very difficult at first, for

"to be of any use in East London you have to be as tough as a rhinoceros, as healthy as an ox, as hard working as an ass, as keen-eyed as an eagle, and with the sense of humour of the angels."

That combination of virtues is intimidating, but by common-sense, perseverance, and courage Sir Reginald made good, and to-day, in Canning Town alone there are thirty club-rooms, cobbling and carpentry instructional shops, gymnasiums, language-rooms, a dental clinic, a swimming bath, a house for students and workers who previously had lived in indescribable discomfort.

figure "8" is involved in this rule. It arises from the fact that out of 13 tricks in the average hand only eight are normally made by the honour cards; the remainder being taken by the smaller ones.

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"In new investments we have favoured high grade bonds, the yield on which is now very attractive.

"The profits paid or allotted to policy holders amounted to over \$26,000,000, or over 20 per cent. of the total annual premium income.

"In the light of these figures, the report is indeed an excellent one.

"And what of the future? No one believes that the depression will last for ever. It is impossible to say just when the turn will come, but with the vast natural resources of this continent, and the brains, energy, and actual wealth of its people, business recovery is inevitable. When prosperity does return no company will share in its benefits in greater measure than our own."

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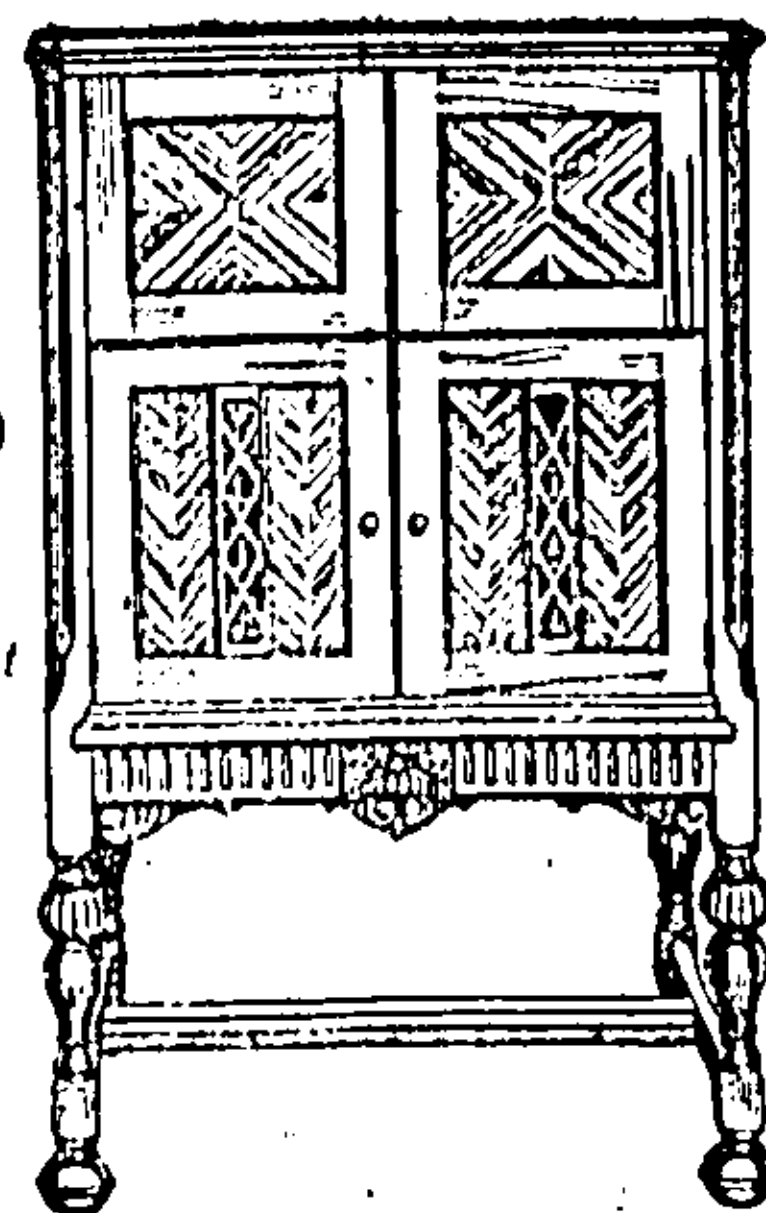
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The Cockpit of Asia

JAPAN, industrial, ambitious, crowded to saturation point and sadly lacking in raw materials and food stuffs; Manchuria, comparatively near, hand-riden, rich in natural resources, fertile, sparsely populated and underdeveloped; Russia, vast, sinister, expanding, ambitious and desiring an outlet to the China Sea; China, great in population, proud, too proud, of her ancient glory, kinetically weak but potentially strong, moribund for centuries, but now in the throes of a mighty effort to slough her Confucian conservatism; European countries and the United States anxious for trade, and therefore all for peace and the open door policy, but dreading to be embroiled in another Armageddon — such appears to be the Manchurian situation.

Japan declares that at tremendous cost of blood and money she, and she alone, saved Manchuria and the Far East from Tsarist Russia thirty years ago, and that since that superhuman effort of hers she has brought to Manchuria prosperity. It is due to Japanese organisation, labours and treasure, she avers, that industrial conditions in Manchuria are superior to those in China. As one of her statesmen put it, Japan must expand or explode. A peaceful and friendly Manchuria is necessary for Japan's very existence. Moreover it is one of the few fertile and comparatively empty spaces of the world not barred to Japanese immigrants. Japan says that China has made a mess of Manchuria and that through Chinese misgovernment there Japanese lives and money have been lost. Pin pricks have incensed Japan, and her economic plight has made her desperate.

China says that Manchuria is part of the Chinese Republic and that Manchuria has been part of China for centuries. She also points out that in Manchuria there are thirty million Chinese desiring to be governed from Nanking against a paltry six hundred thousand Japanese. About the native Manchus we hear nothing; they seem to be as important as Australian aborigines or African Hottentots. Practically every Chinese is convinced that Japan's purpose is to make Manchuria another Korea, which peninsula, despite its puppet princes, is as much part and parcel of Japan as is Formosa. Russia, the enigma, watches from her Siberian fastnesses, sending envoys to spread communism, and doubtless ready to make a spring when times are propitious.

It seems that the idea of Japan's Manchurian campaign is to secure, or instal, a government at Mukden which, backed by Tokyo, will clear out not only the bandit but all anti-Japanese elements and so pave the way for peaceful Japanese penetration and a Japanese trade revival. In this she seems, at the moment, to have succeeded. But can the present conditions endure? What alternatives are there? To allow things to revert to their former chaos would doubtless please the Soviet and place Japan in jeopardy. A Japanese mandate exercised under the control of the League of Nations would inflame China even more than does the present administration which is undoubtedly buttressed by the military strength of Japan. Whatever happens it appears that for some time to come Manchuria is to be as much the cockpit of Asia as ever Belgium or the Balkans were in Europe.

What about the League of Nations? It is easy for fireside politicians to sneer at the League, but it must be admitted that the League has had no easy task and that angry and hungry nations require tactful handling. Nor will its efforts be futile. Let us ask ourselves what would have happened had there been no League — probably dual, triple or quadruple alliances such as were so common and peace-disturbing throughout the nineteenth century.

Our hope is that out of this welter of blood and hate good may be born. During the past two months the Chinese of the eighteen provinces have been more united than they have been since the days of Yuan Shi-kai. Now seems to be the time for a Mussolini to appear and unite China's millions, to gather to his council the best and clearest brains of the country, to end the war-lords strife and by a Herculean effort clean out at last the Augean Stables of Chinese politics.

OUR LADY OF
FATIMA.Story of Miracle by Well
in Macao.

POLICE DISPEL CROWDS.

A correspondent has sent this interesting story of a miracle performed by Our Lady of Fatima in Macao to the Sunday Herald.

So much has been heard and spoken of the miracles performed by Our Lady of Fatima, that when my bosom friend took seriously ill the other day, I resolved to put this to test by invoking Our Lady's help. I am pleased to state, my friend has recovered.

I met my friend yesterday, and was astounded to hear that her home was saved from fire by the appearance of a very beautiful smiling lady who approached her bed when she felt so sick on Monday, and directed her attention to a fire which was smouldering in the dining room. My friend, it must be noted, is not a Catholic, but she seems drawn to this apparition.

Macao Explosion.

I heard of the existence of Our Lady of Fatima after the great explosion at Macao when Her image was reproduced in a photograph standing between the fork of a tree. Since then other stories have been related of Her supernatural powers. Though the following story may appear to some as a fairy tale, to others it may seem more than real.

In a dilapidated house in Macao there live a Portuguese sergeant, his wife, and their eleven-year-old son. The sergeant has been paralysed for seven years now, and his wife has been everything to him. In February this year, she became ill, and was forced to depend on her son to nurse her husband. The child remonstrated with his mother because of his feeble condition, and in his distress knelt down and prayed to Our Lady of Fatima for aid.

Suddenly a ray of light flooded the room and a soft hand tapped his arm. He tried to look up, but the light was so dazzling that he was afraid.

He Had Not Faith.

At last he took courage and asked, "Who are you and what do you want?" "I am The Lady of Fatima, come to cure your mother." The boy became calm, looked at the Apparition before him, and implored Her to cure his father too. "Your father," said Our Lady, "has no faith. Until he has faith he will not be cured."

The sick mother heard voices in the room, but did not know what was going on. She felt thirsty and called to her son for a glass of water. The boy took a tumbler and went to the kitchen. In the yard there is a well which had been dry for a long, long time. As he passed by this well he exclaimed, "Alas! We are so poor that even the well is dry." He did not notice that Our Lady was following him. She blessed the well and told the boy to draw water from it.

The boy looked in and saw that water was rising to the top. He took this water to his mother, who drank it and felt better. Our Lady of Fatima told the boy she would appear to him three times, and that she was coming to Hong Kong in the meantime. When he reached the age of nineteen he was to become a priest.

Procession Of The Cross.

The boy was told to take his mother to the Procession of the Cross without fail, and to make known to every one of this miracle at the well. He was to pray every day The Angelus Domini, morning, noon and evening.

When this miracle was told to the people many flocked to the place and even fought to get water from this well, and in order to restore peace a force of police had to be called out. The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima falls on June 13, and many Hong Kong residents are going to Macao to obtain water from this well as they have heard that the incurables have been made whole after having drunk this water.

Personal Par.

Among the many well-known persons arriving here on board the s.s. Resolute yesterday, was Mr. Franz von Rexroth, the writer and poet. Herr Rexroth's home is at Wiesbaden, Germany.



HONG KONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.—No. 54.

The Sham Chun Valley.

Those of us to whom our childhood days are more than an imperfect memory cannot fail to recall the intense interest we took in exploring an unknown wood. How eagerly we looked around in search of some new thing half expecting to see a dragon or hobgoblin emerge from a cavern hidden behind the bole of each gnarled and ancient oak. Each thing seen, whether familiar to our eyes or not, was invested with mystery, a common Cabbage white was a dainty princess, a Peacock butterfly a fairy prince, and so on. To boys and girls to whom is given the gift of love of Nature the passage of years makes little impression. Certainly we, who on the 19th. of March decided to wander in the unknown Sham Chun Valley, were as boys about to enter the magic wood.

We left the car near the railway line beyond Lo Wu Camp, walked along the line to the bridge over the river but did not cross into China and turned right and set off along the southern bank of the river, which serves as the boundary between the New Territories and China. During the morning I had seen a flock of migratory Greenfinches on Hong Kong Island and this proved a happy augury for in the afternoon we saw, and identified, no fewer than 32 species of birds, 2 others doubtful and heard but did not see a 35th. species. A number of these, naturally, were common species and there were five of us, men, on the look-out but in spite of these qualifications the result could not but be considered satisfactory.

Rare Birds.

One bird constituted a record for the Territories, it was a migrant Japanese Robin Flycatcher, *Siphia majimaki* (Temm.), — a beautiful bird, black on top with feathers edged with brown, and with a bright chestnut-orange breast grading almost to white on the lower abdomen. Unlike most Flycatchers this species makes a habit of feeding on insects on, or near, the ground and flies down, — in this case into an onion field, — returning to its perch after catching its prey. No less than five Drongos were seen, all the same species: — a coal black bird with a long deeply forked tail. Drongos are related to both the Flycatchers and the Shrikes and possess some of the characteristics of both families, they are insectivorous and seize their prey on the wing. They return to their perch, which is often a highly placed bare twig, from above with a curious tumbling flight. This species was the Chinese Black Drongo, *Dicrurus macrocerus cathocia* Swinhoe. The Chinese Hair-Crested Drongo, *Chloria holtentota brevirostris* Cab. and H. also visits the Hong Kong Territories every Spring, but usually nearly a month later than the Black Drongo.

Two other very interesting records were made. A Chinese Blackbird, *Turdus merula mandarinus* (Bp.) was seen by all of us to fly from a tree near a village and later

to return to about the same spot. This is only the second locality in the British Territories where we have seen this very rare bird. — A Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus calidus* (Latham) was seen near Lo Wu Camp. We have only observed this falcon on Mount Nicholson, Hong Kong, and on Ng Tung-shan in Chinese Territory.

The other birds included amongst others three species of each of Kingfishers, Pittas and Babbles, two each of Warblers, Mynahs, and Egrets. A pair of Collared Crows was watched for a long time; they probably have a nest somewhere in the vicinity.

Spring Flowers.

A number of interesting flowers were seen, of these the blue Gentian, *Gentiana Loureri* commanded universal admiration. This is the species that in April is so abundant on the Fanling Hills. *Isora chinensis* in fruit and in bud was seen, the first time we have seen it growing wild other than on the Kowloon Hills. Special of *Rosa* and *Smilax* were out in abundance, *Raphiolepis indica* of course and a few plants of *Melastoma repens*. Altogether a very excellent day.

Easter in Hong Kong.

If the Easter holidays are anything like such perfect days as today, Wednesday 23rd, then most of us will be found in the open air either on the golf links, tennis courts, or mountain sides. For me Ma-on-shan is the objective. Easter in Hong Kong is very different from Easter at home. I conjure up memories of the crocuses at the Backs at Cambridge, of the golden carpet of wild daffodils in the Duddon Valley, the primroses of the Devonshire lanes, and the bluebells and wild anemones at Bolton Abbey. We have none of these things in Hong Kong but we have many other beautiful flowers in abundance. I remember the patches of blue gentians on the Fanling hills, the stately and superb Nippon orchids in the valleys above Tai Po, the exquisite *Pholidota chinensis* orchid with its pendulous spikes of cream coloured flowers so abundant on the Peak. *Raphiolepis indica* replaces the Hawthorn blossom and the magnificent Chinese roses their smaller English relatives.

The flowering shrubs of England in Spring cannot be compared with the flowering shrubs of our local hillsides. Where could be seen the counterpart of the six species of *Rhododendrons* that grow on Ma-on-shan? On that mountain, bushes of *R. ovatum* have been so covered with flowers in past years that I have seen them with the naked eye three or more miles away. These beauties of hillside and glen are not for all, they are denied to those who prefer an afternoon's game of bridge and to him whose sole sport is tennis little of this beauty is vouchsafed. The golfer sees much more and like the pilgrim is given a vision of the promised city in the distance but it is only to him or to her who is prepared to climb and to scramble up the valleys and slopes away from the path that these beauties of nature become realities.

HONG KONG FAIRY STORIES.

The City Hall is to be pulled down and the whole site will be converted into a model car park, with a beer garden in the centre.

As from the next extra race meeting, Government will levy a tax of 20 per cent. on all winners of sweeps, the proceeds to go toward the building of a new City Hall.

The acting Inspector-General of Police is putting up a "No Thoroughfare" notice at that section of Glenelg between St. Paul's Church and Caine Road in order that the footballers there can play their game undisturbed.

All the "ornamental" guns in the Colony, in the various barracks, in the Botanic Gardens, in the Police Headquarters compound, and in the parade ground of the H.K.V.D.C. are to be melted down as a gesture of goodwill toward our former enemies, of several wars. The metal will be used for the extension of the Peak Tramway to the bottom of Garden Road.

The art collection which the late Sir Paul Chater bequeathed to the Colony will be exhibited to the public next leap year.

When the huge water tank in the Botanic Garden is completed, Government will hold a Far Eastern swimming championship gala in it, and the gate money will go toward defraying the cost of the tank.

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The H.K. Ladies' Hockey Club, Champions of the Caer Clark Cup League, easily defeated the Rest of the League by four clear goals.—(Ying Ming.)



The South Wales Borderers regimental soccer eleven.—(K. Fujiyama.)



Representative elevens from the Royal Navy and the Chinese played in a charity game at Happy Valley last Sunday, the game resulting in a win for the Navy by the odd goal in three.—(Ying Ming.)



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Apart from the formal afternoon and evening frocks, which are often expressed in sumptuous fabrics and great beauty of trimming, everyday workable clothes are simple to understand and to wear. There may be certain complications about sleeves and necks, but the prevailing tendency is towards clear line. Details are pleasingly expressed by hand-work, which gives an air of distinction, once associated exclusively with the essentially French model.

Wool Frocks Triumph.

The firm determination to use fine hand-stitchery, lace, and a variety of embroidery is a great step forward in our English work-rooms. I consider it is one of the most interesting items in the Summer dress programme.

In the youthful models hand-work is sparingly used, for the modern way prefers all lines to be concise and definite. The most successful frocks for the average girl and

young married woman are of wool, white for the warmer climates, with pale green, a faint straw, and a lovely peachy-pink as alternatives. These frocks are worn under long slim coats to match, or in a tone darker. Many are belted, and nearly all have a small cape (which is detachable) or else cape-sleeves to the elbow.

For London and the country a dark brown or navy coat is very popular worn over a wool frock in brown and yellow checks, stripes, or a navy trimmed with red. These long coats are more generally becoming than the short one for buttoned model or bolero, though the latter is featured in many collections, and carries a "piquant" air that blends well with the very modern note.

Air of Gaiety.

On slight figures it looks charming if just caught with one button at the waist and a short flared basque below that balances so admirably with the shorter skirt that has a slight flare at the hem. They have a gay look, these boleros, some are double-breasted and mostly recall the higher waist of the Empire, with the added basque to connect up with the Victorian era.

The wearing of white will, I feel sure, predominate in the after-Easter collections. Many white straw hats are already here, and it is a favourite choice for the evening. White in satin, either dull or shining surface, is considered specially chic for the dinner or dance. White tulle, too, will be worn by debutantes. The lace berthe, or cape-collared, can be worn successfully by the modern girl. The gay spirit of to-day will take on further charm

with the demure berthe, so cleverly arranged by our designers to widen the shoulder and just cover the top of the arm.

Becoming Belts.

White can be charmingly assisted by the vogue of the coloured belt. This is a pleasing way of expressing variety, and is specially favoured by our London artists. In fact, the belt, or swathed sash, is a prominent feature at many dress shows. It is a becoming way of showing the normal waistline and introducing effective colour schemes. One house had a 1910 model in pale pink tulle, with a wide, twisted belt of tulle in Seville blue, shot with mauve and purple and pink. It was girlish, graceful, and peculiarly suited to English types.

Models of a similar date include successful lingerie effects, possibly not so complicated as the beautiful and extremely expensive lingerie frocks that played such important parts in the pre-war Ascot pageants. These new patterned cotton or light wool dresses have dainty little chemisettes and inner (or gauntlets) sleeves made up of hand-tucking, alternating with lace frills and insertions. Belge, biscuit, and very pale colours are utilised for cambrics and lawns, where a dead-white may not be becoming.

Broderie Anglaise Vogue.

Broderie anglaise, in a buff or pale blue shade, is pleasing with a wool-romaine of navy or black. An almond-green crepe de Chine and broderie anglaise formed a wide belt, and a large flat collar and gauntlet gloves completed a little ensemble of black silk-jersey. This costume had an extra bolero-coatee, fastened

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with one, jade button, and a pin of the same placed in a knitted black-and-green straw beret.

Broderie anglaise is much used as a decoration to the great variety of cotton and wool-lace dresses, which are among the most useful and economical garments for the Spring wardrobe. Bright blue, a cherry red, or the practical brown and black range all look wonderfully well in a lace-design of cotton or wool. Sometimes the patterns are of fine cobwebby character, but for cold days the coarse wool laces are more effective, especially if collared and cuffed with white or beige broderie anglaise or even angora-lamb.

Lingerie effects are also attained by frills of lace worn on the gloves themselves. But more practical are beautifully fitted lace gauntlets, forming the lower part of the sleeve, with a frill that just covers the elbow. Neck drapery with small bow and scarf ends should in such case be of the same lace.

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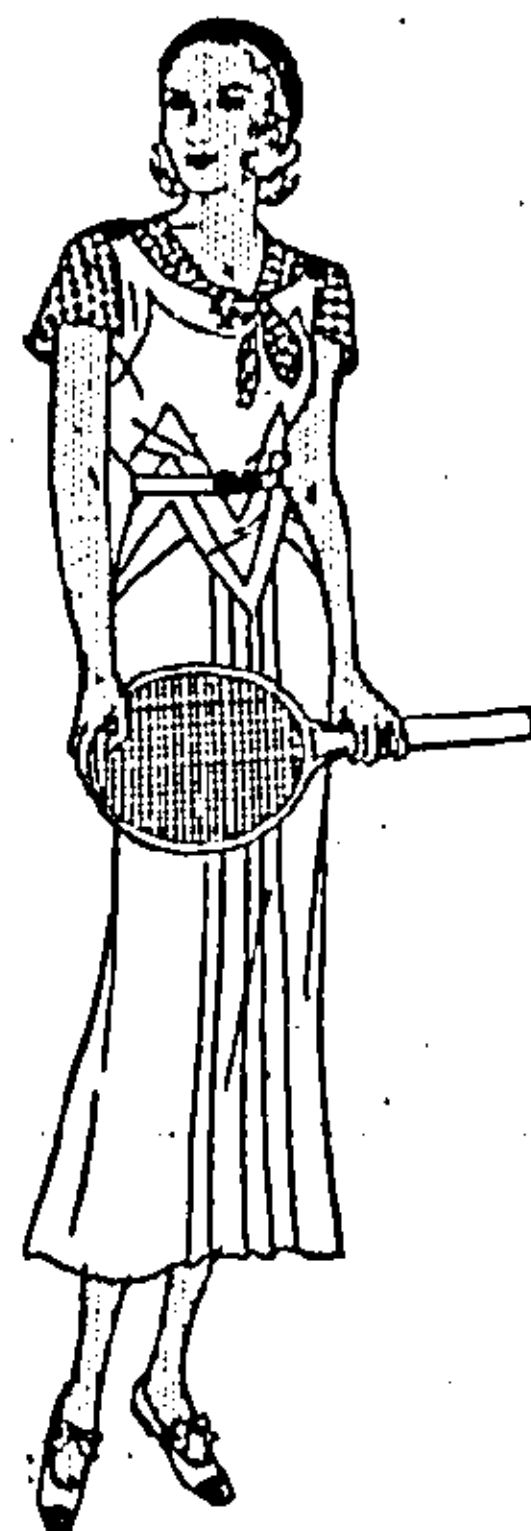
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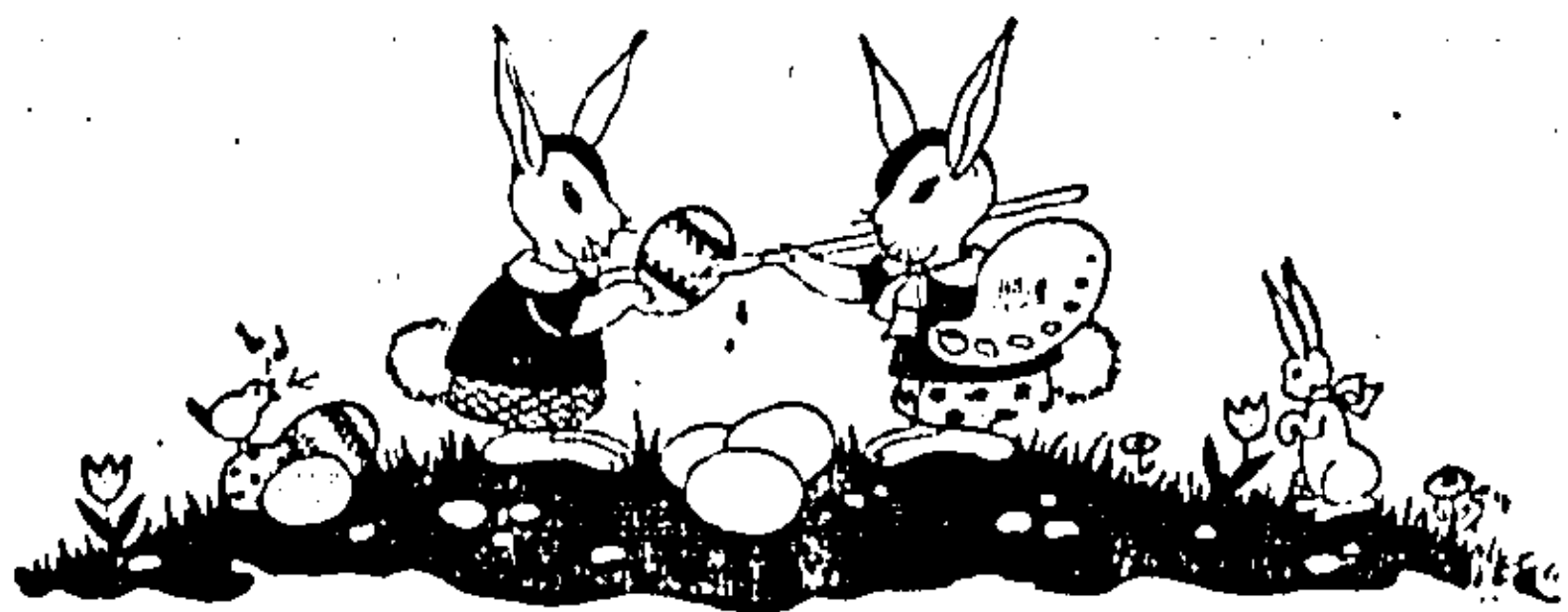
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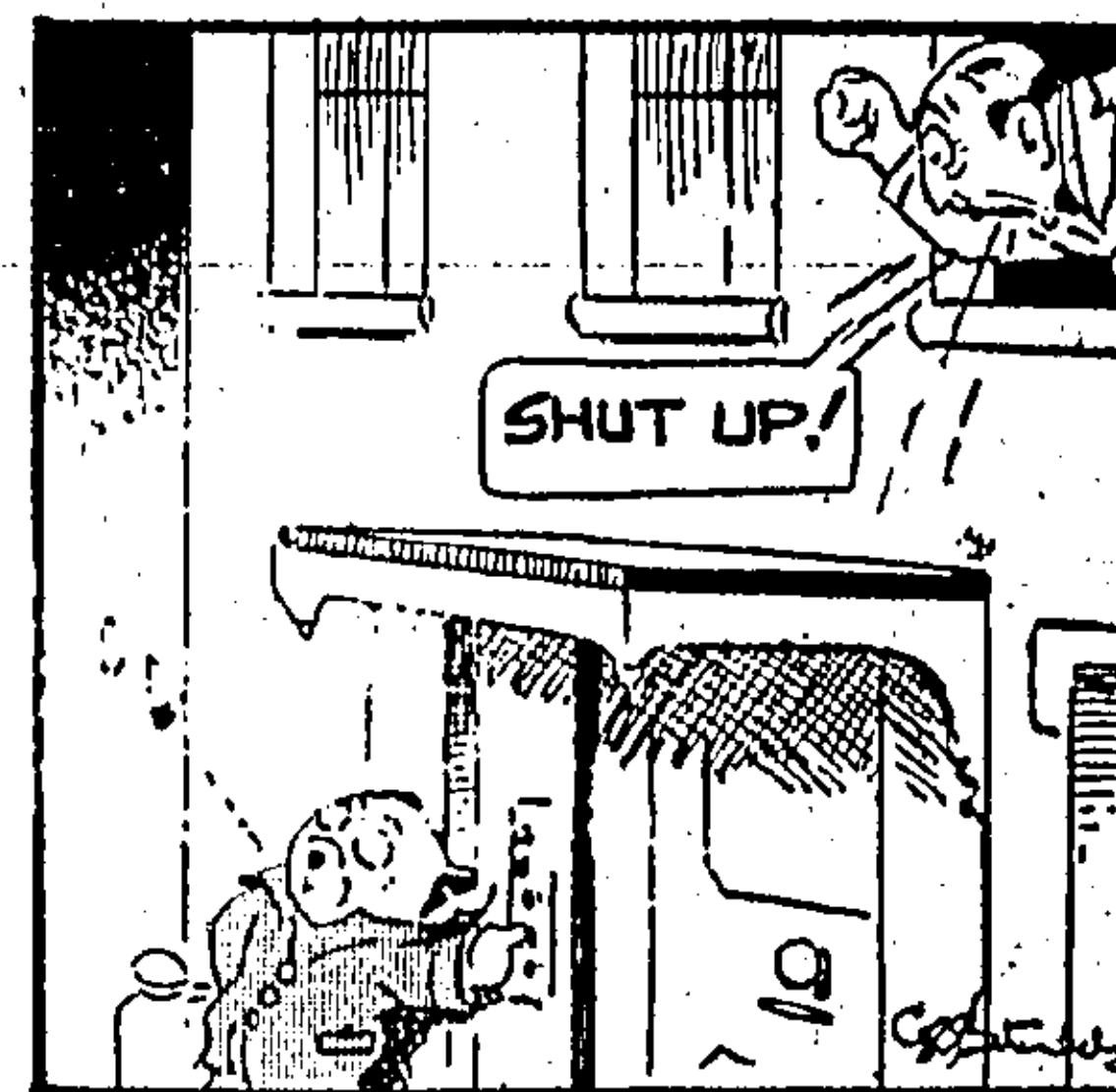
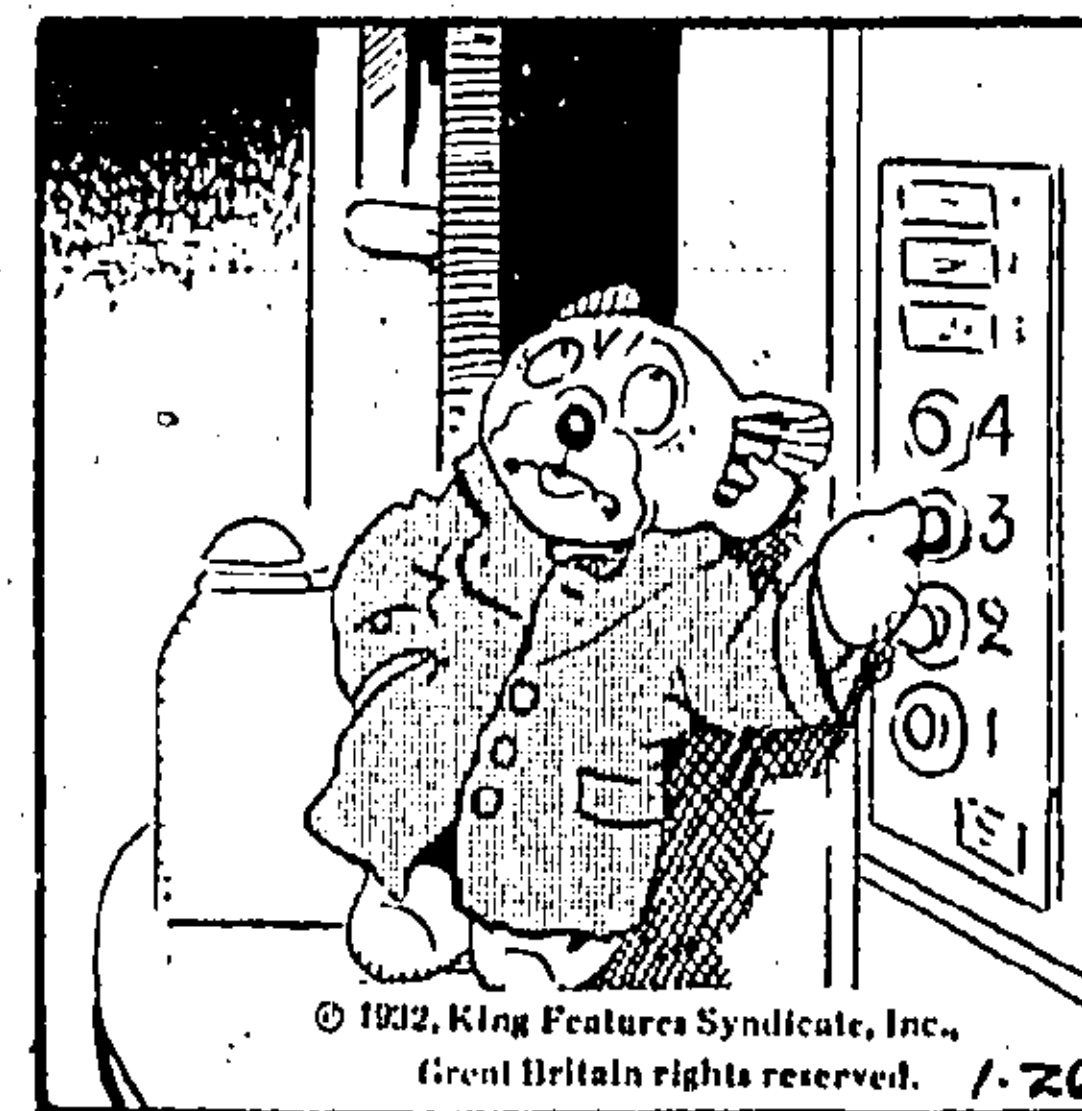
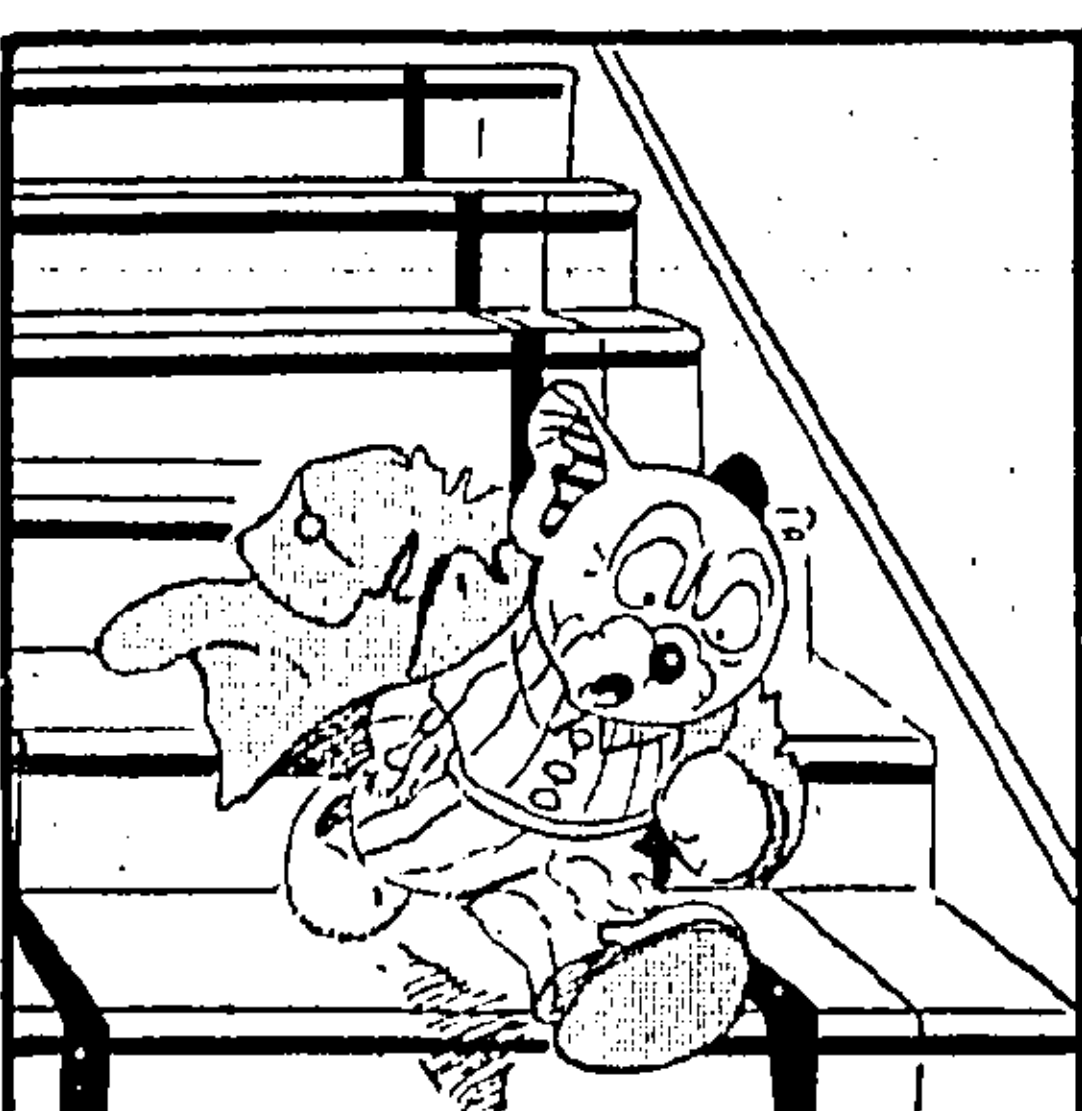
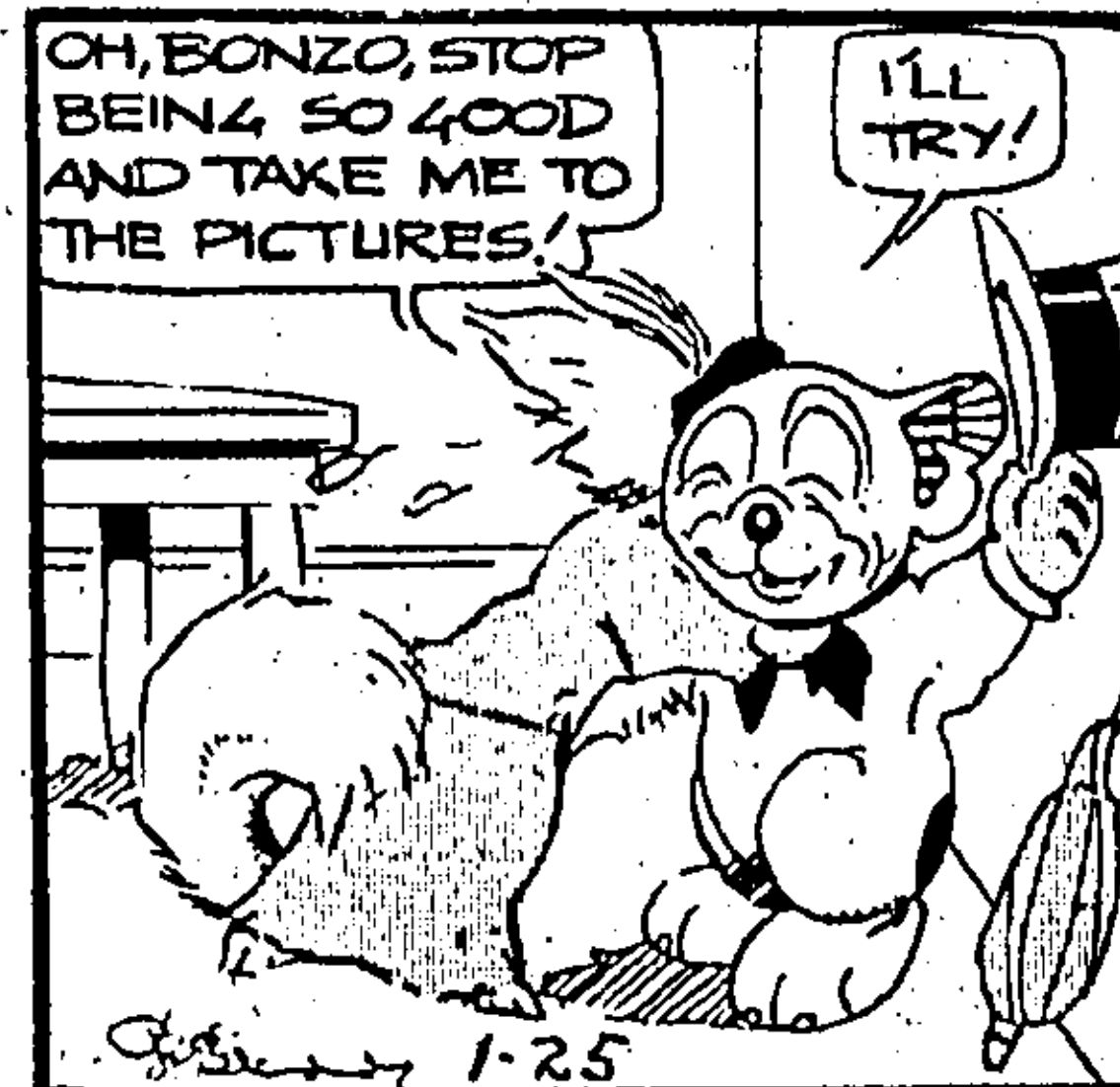
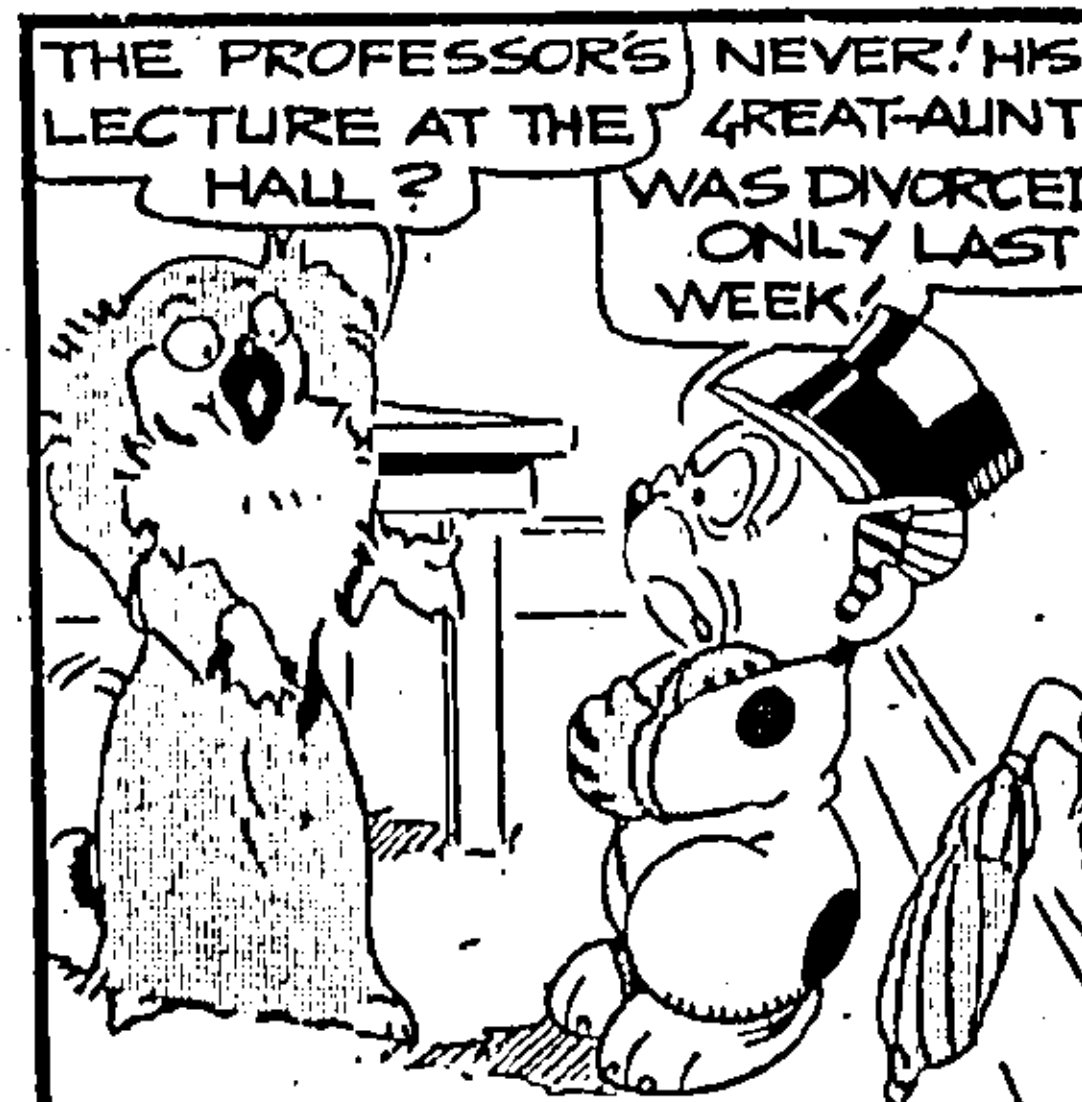
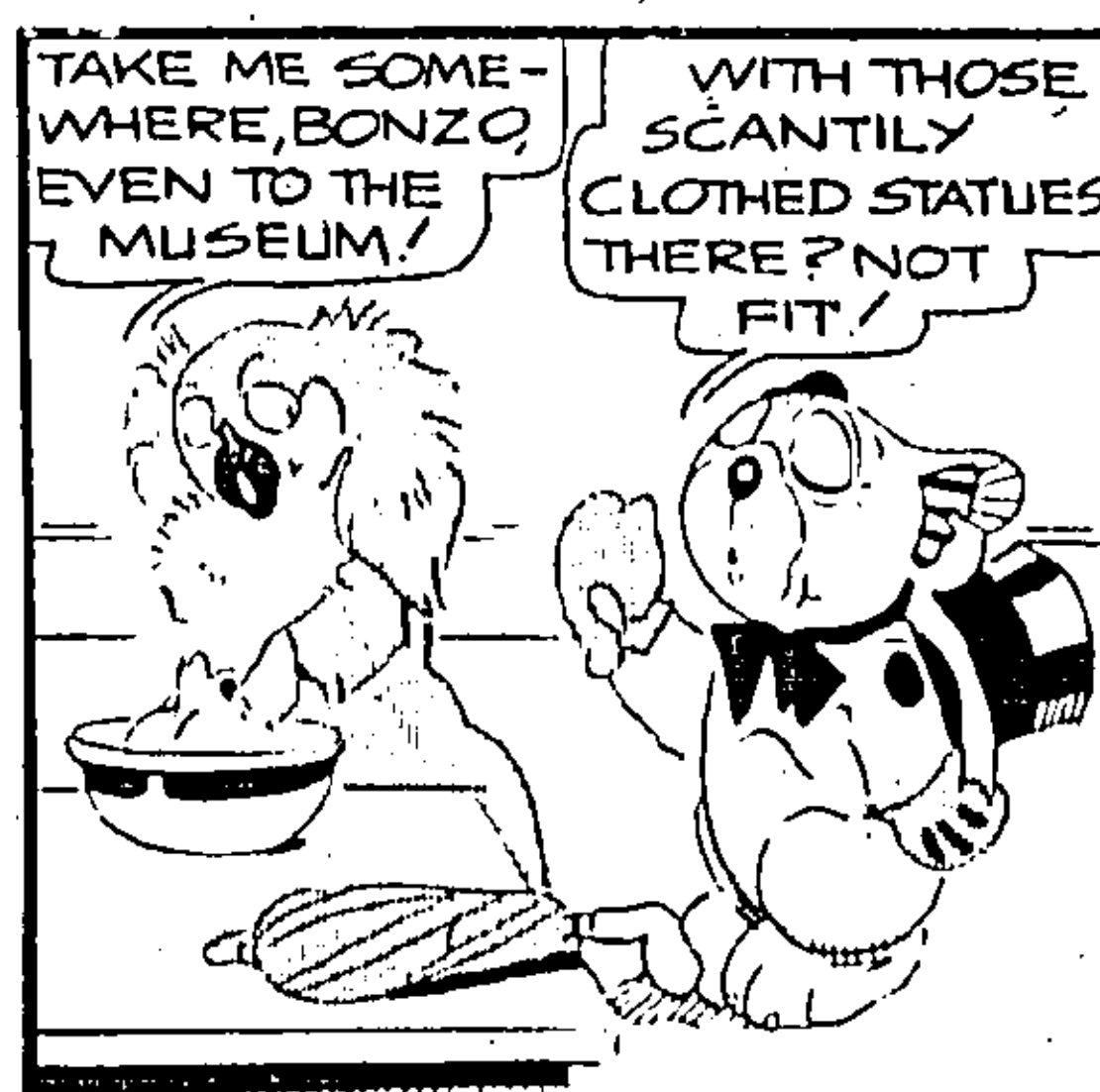
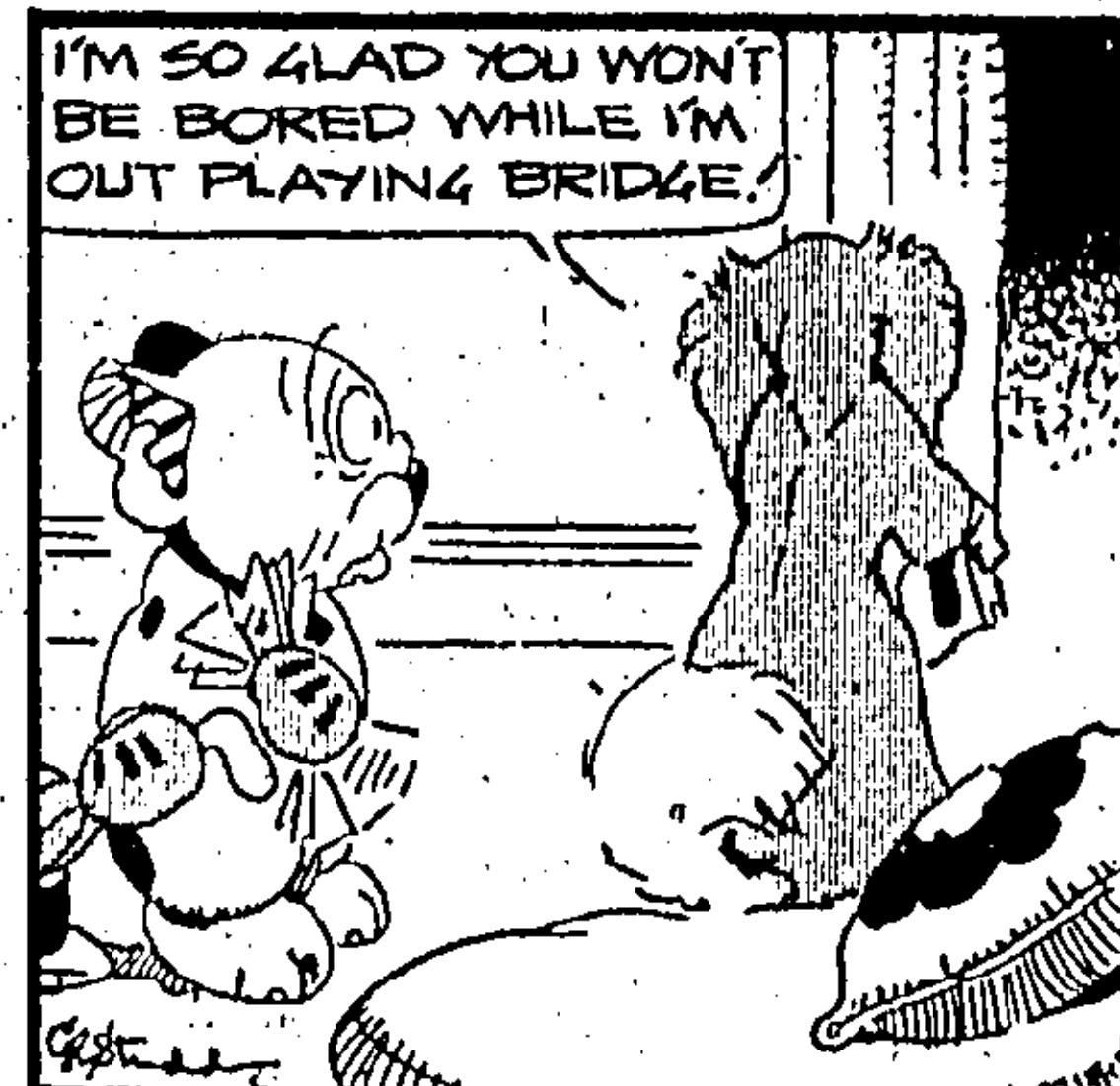
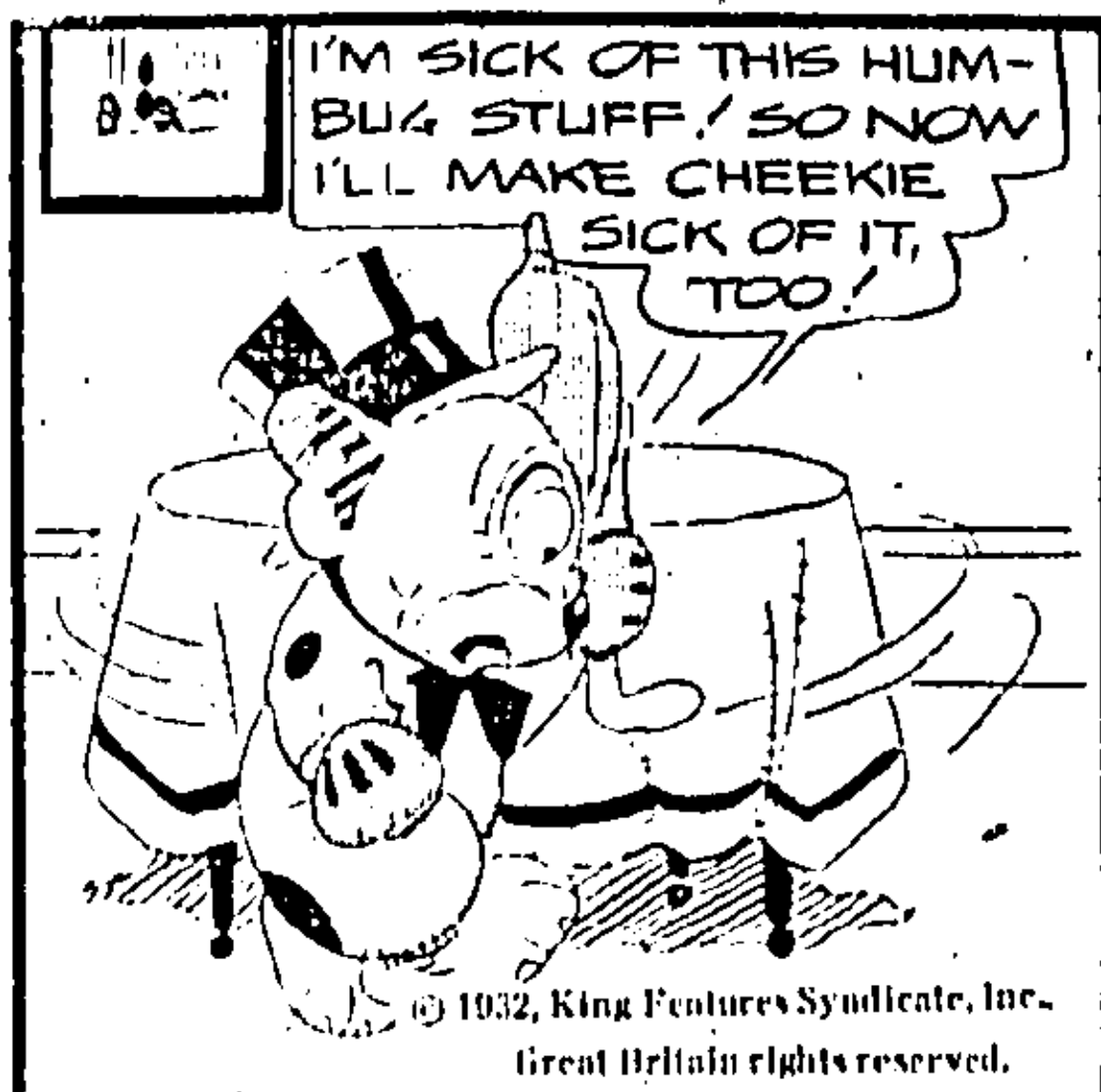
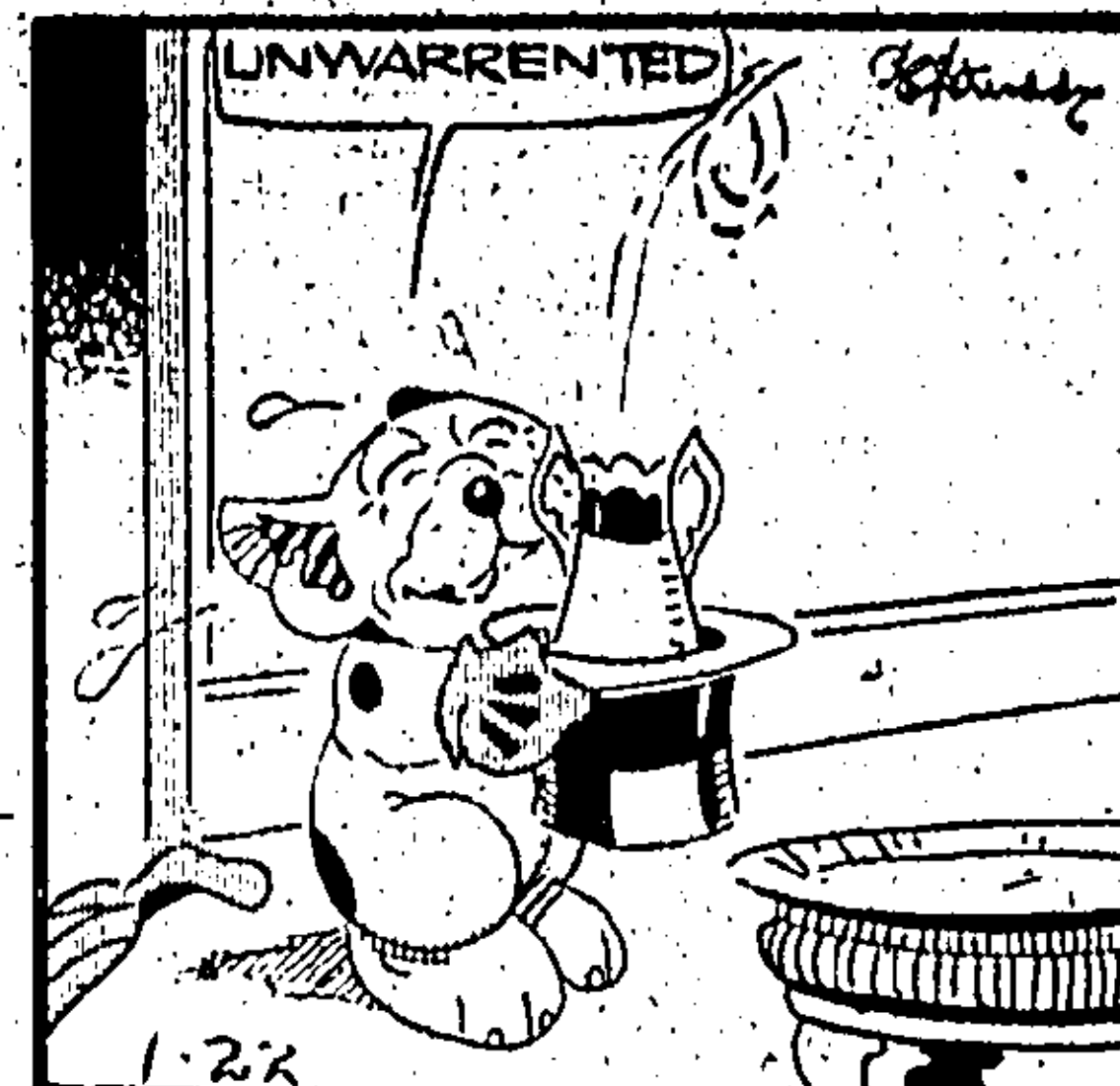
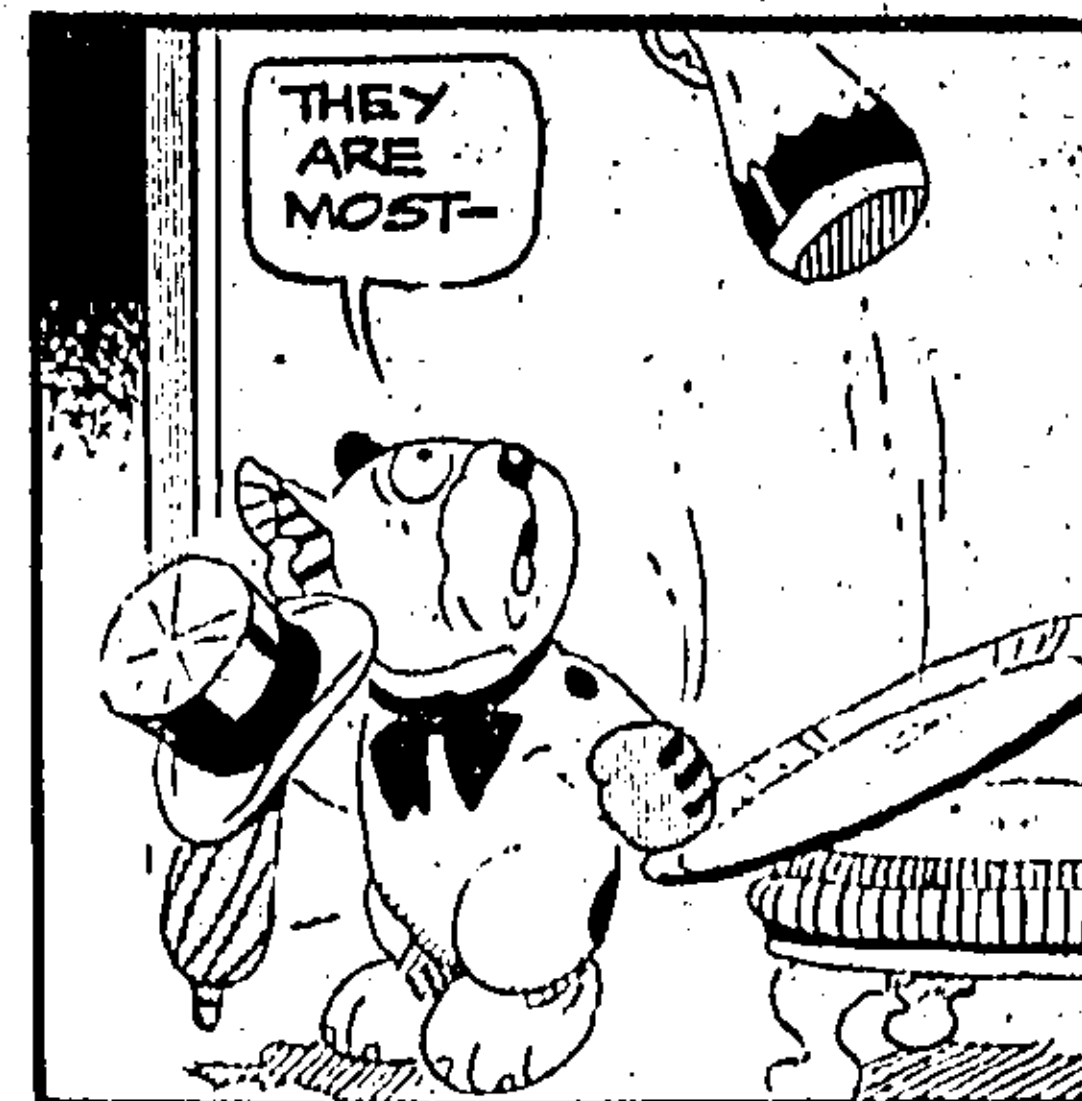
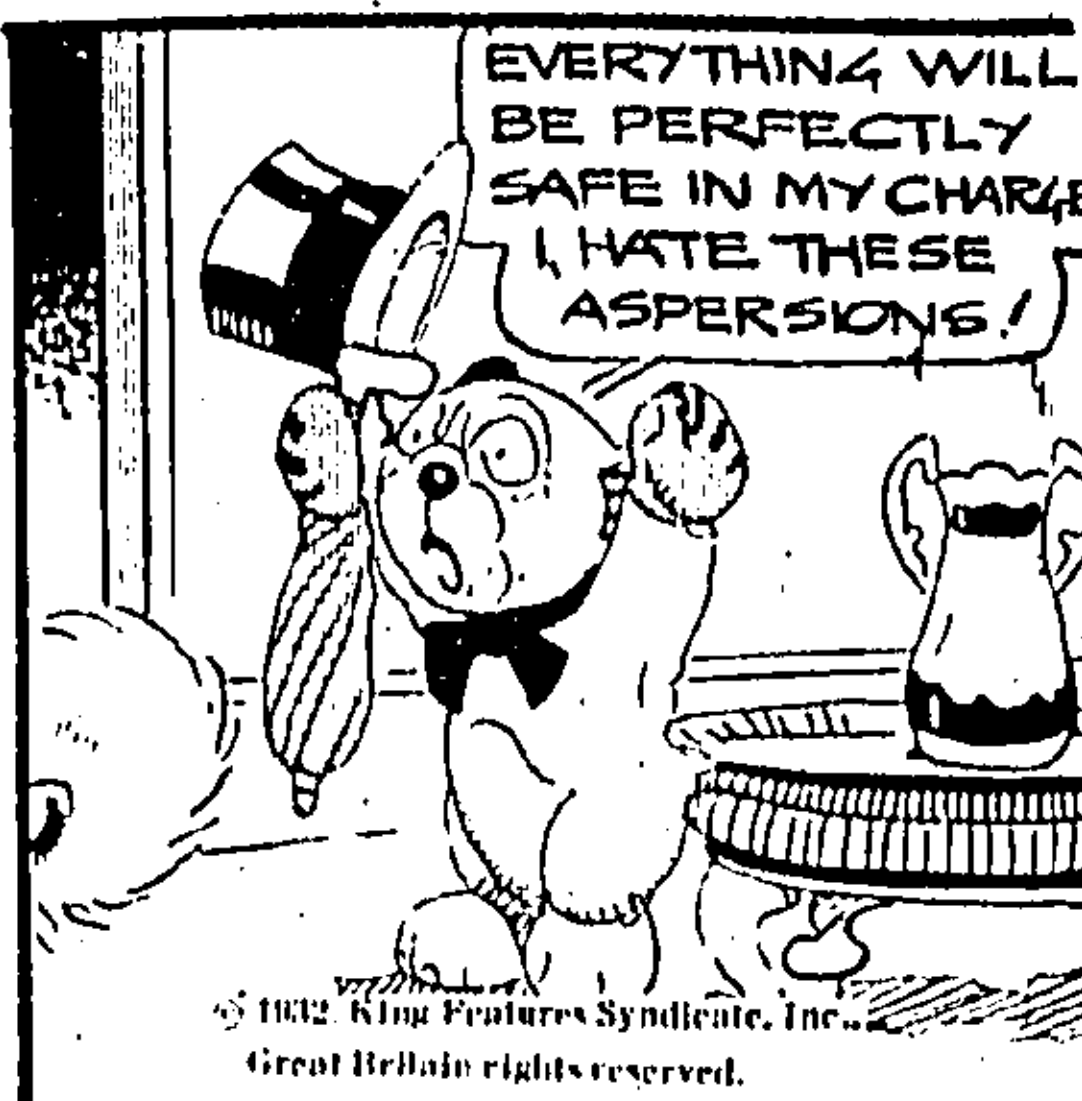
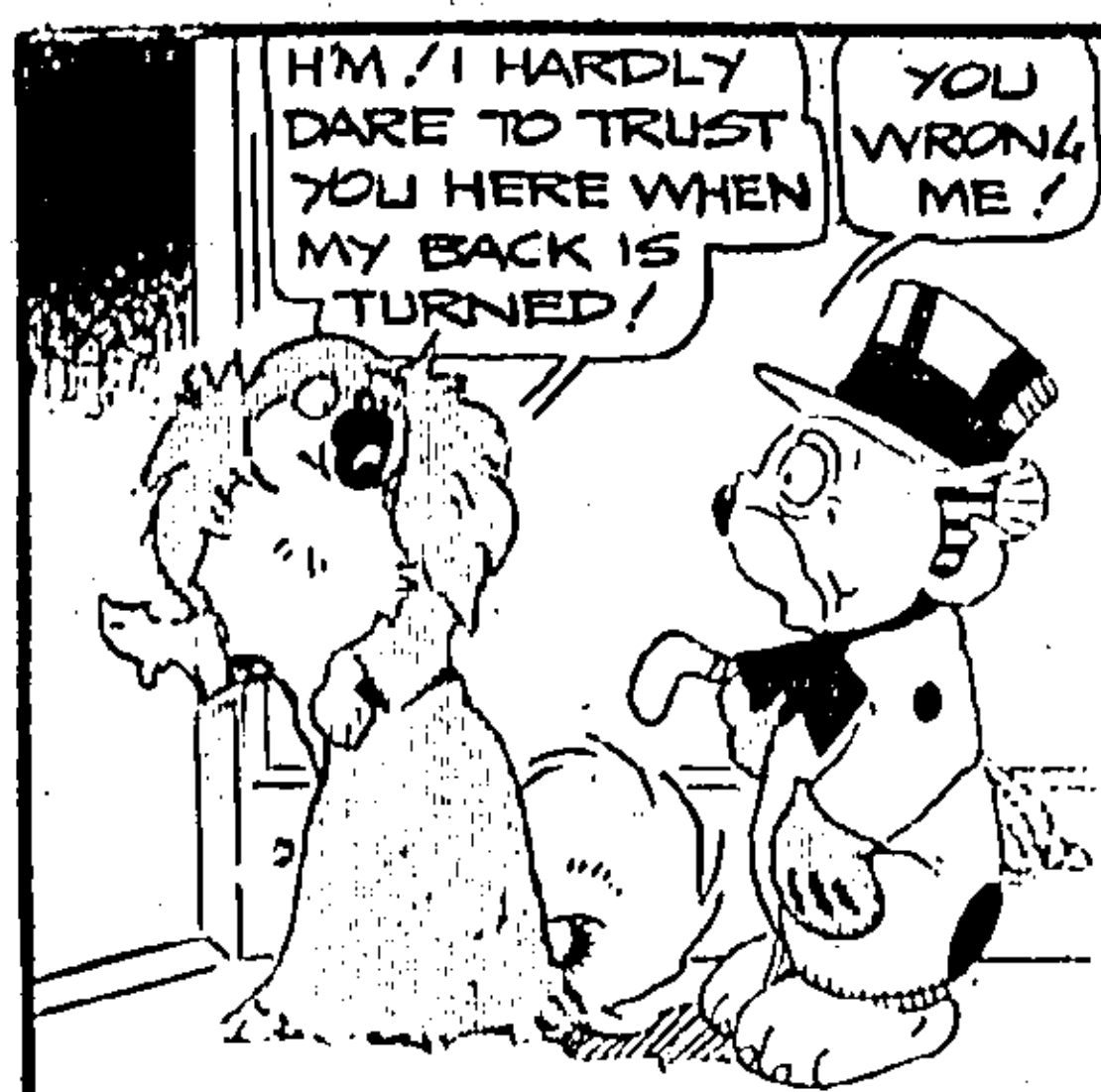


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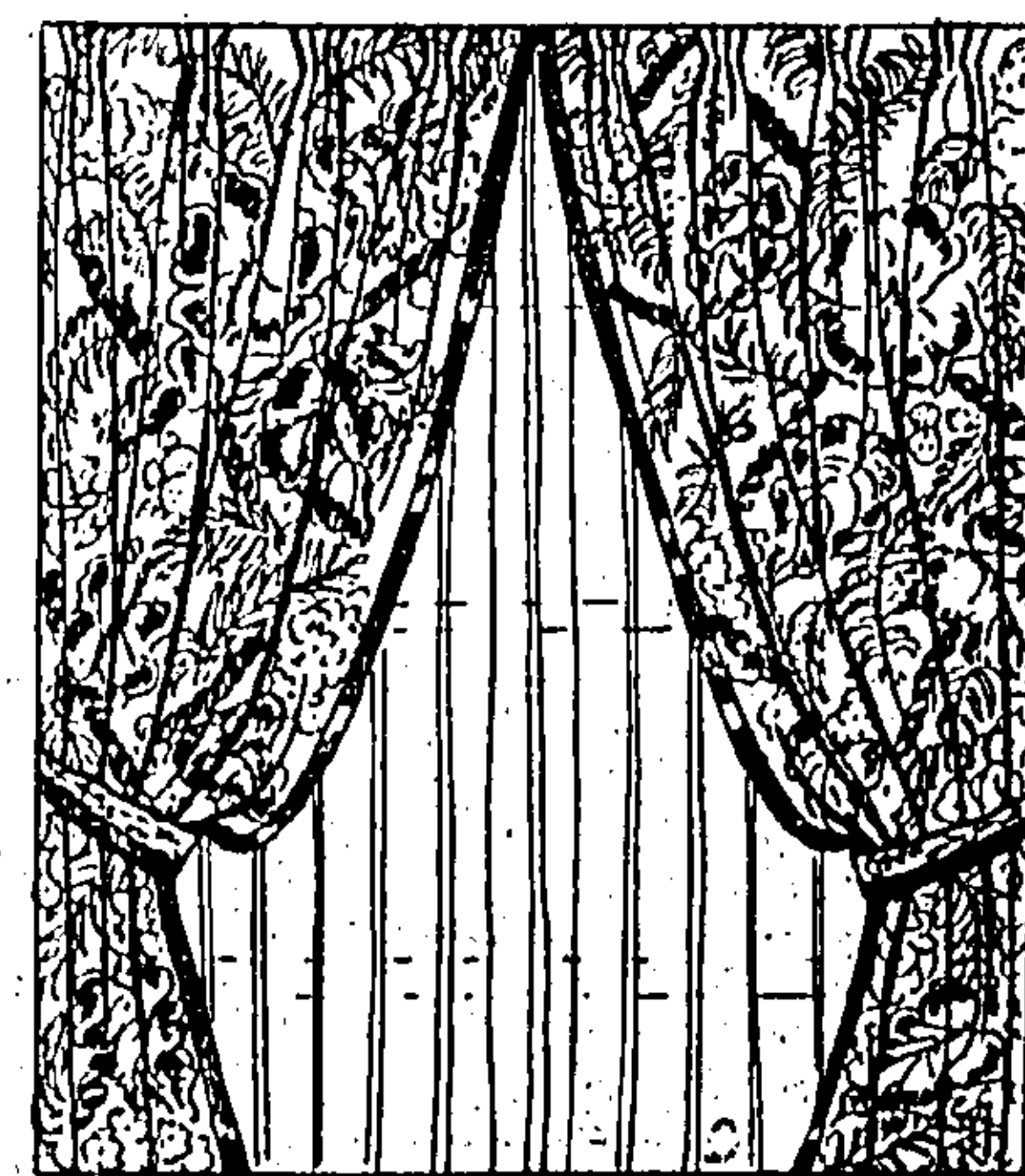
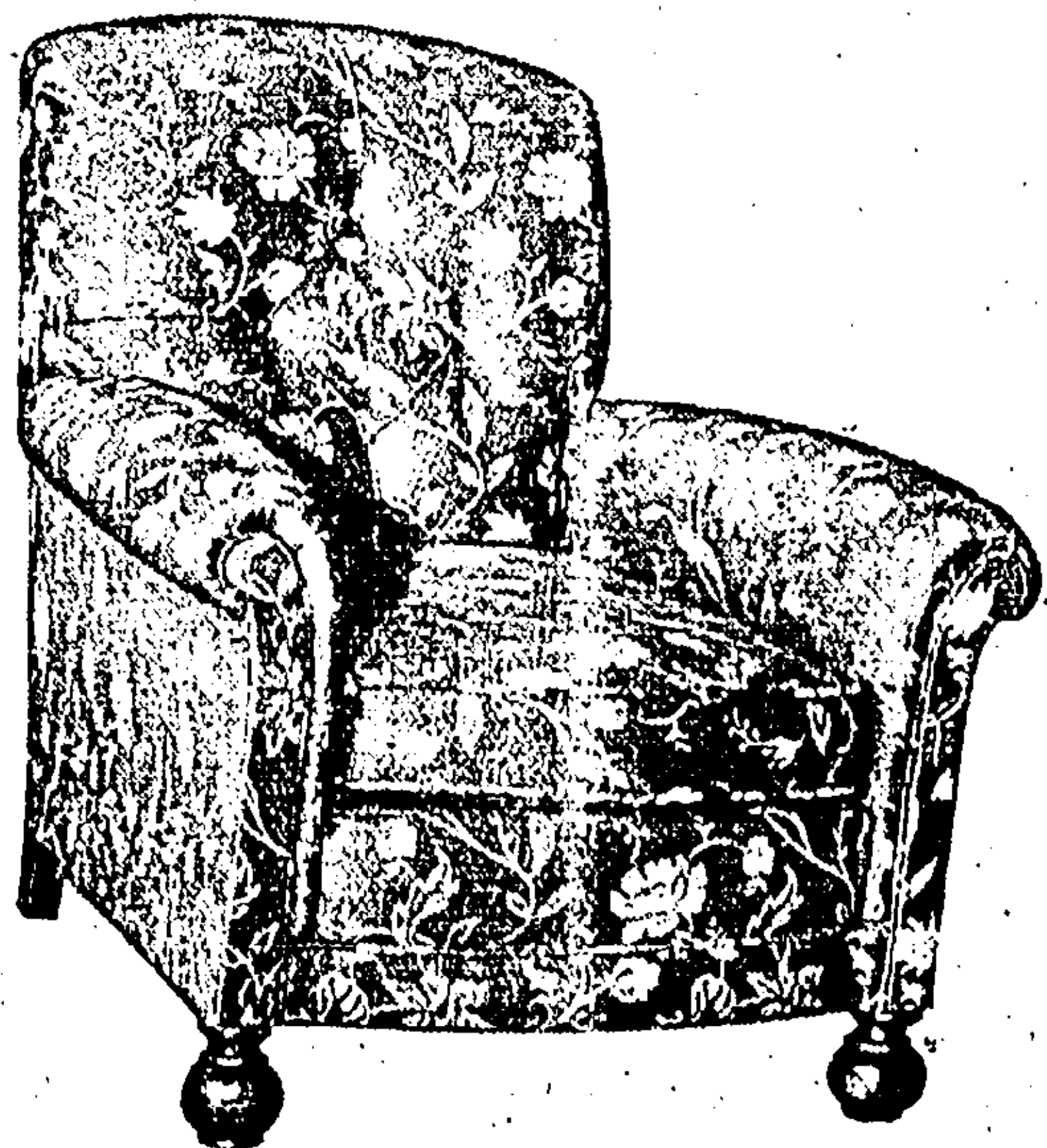
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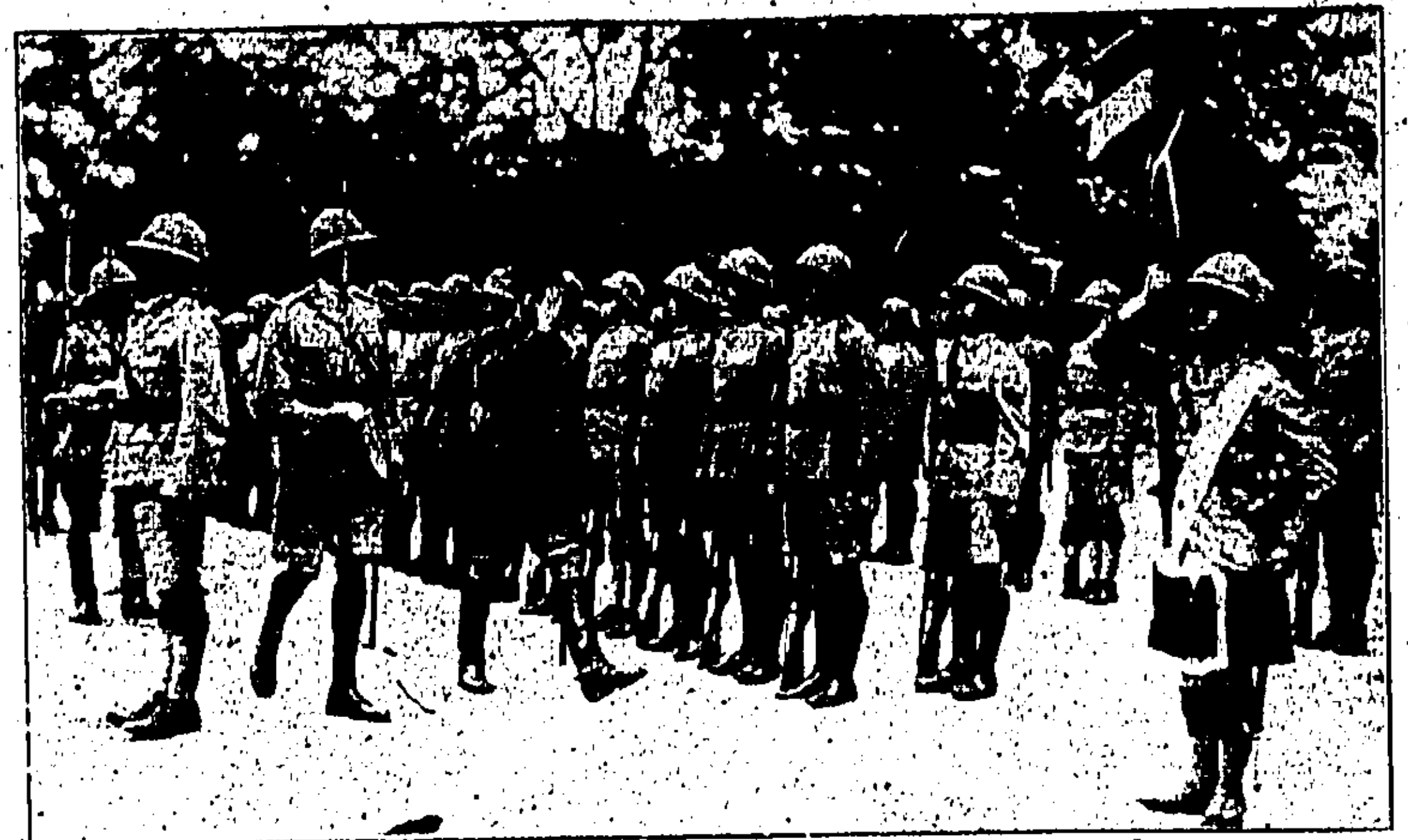
The Inspection of the Armoured Car Section.—(Ying Ming.)



H.E. Major General J. W. Sandlands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., inspected the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps on Tuesday.—(Ying Ming.)



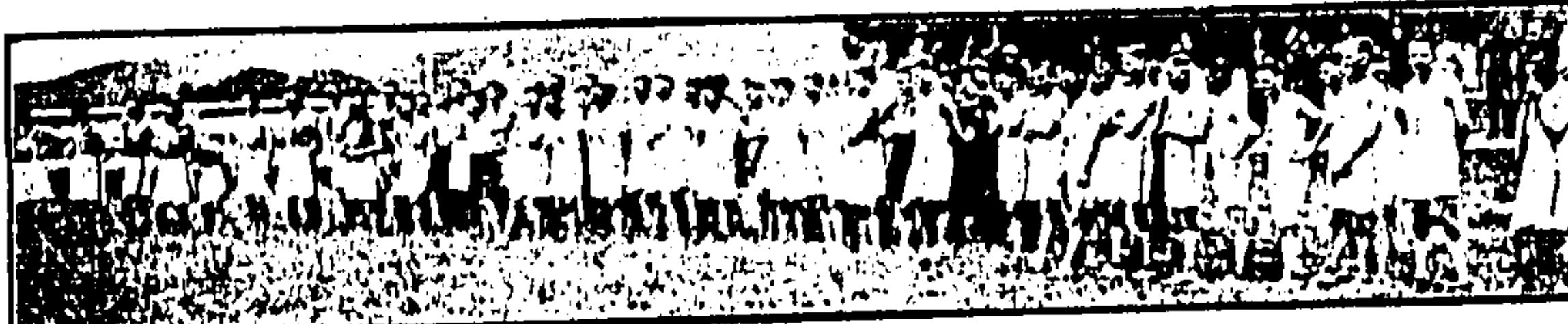
Taking the salute.—(Ying Ming.)



H.E. inspecting the Machine Gun Company.—(Ying Ming.)



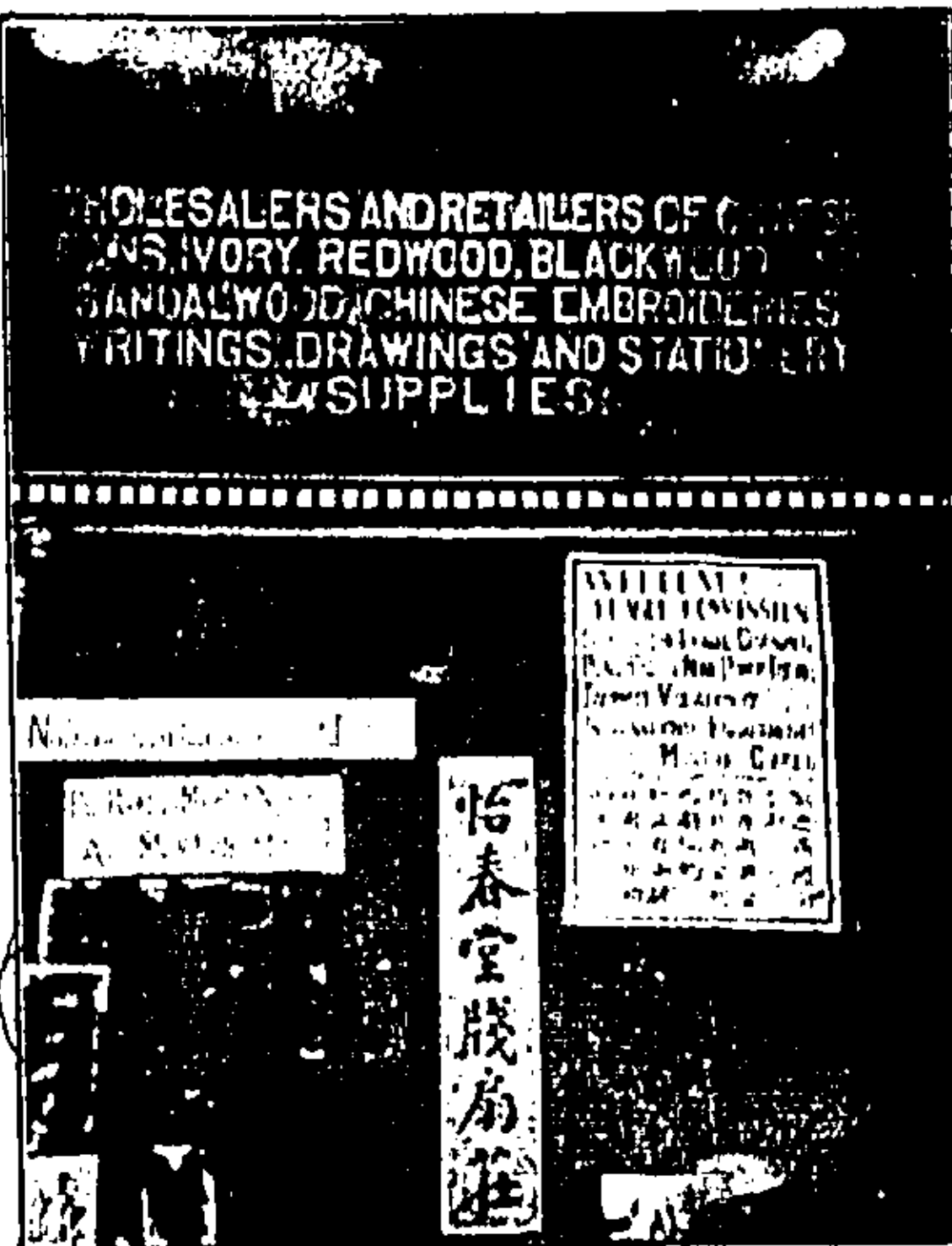
L/Cpl. Palmer again won the Kowloon Marathon. Our photographer snaps the field before the start.—(K. Fujiyama.)



The start of the S.W.B. Cross Country Championship.—(K. Fujiyama.)



Mrs. Walter Camp, the famous aviatrix, photographed in Cairo, was among the passengers on board the Resolute.



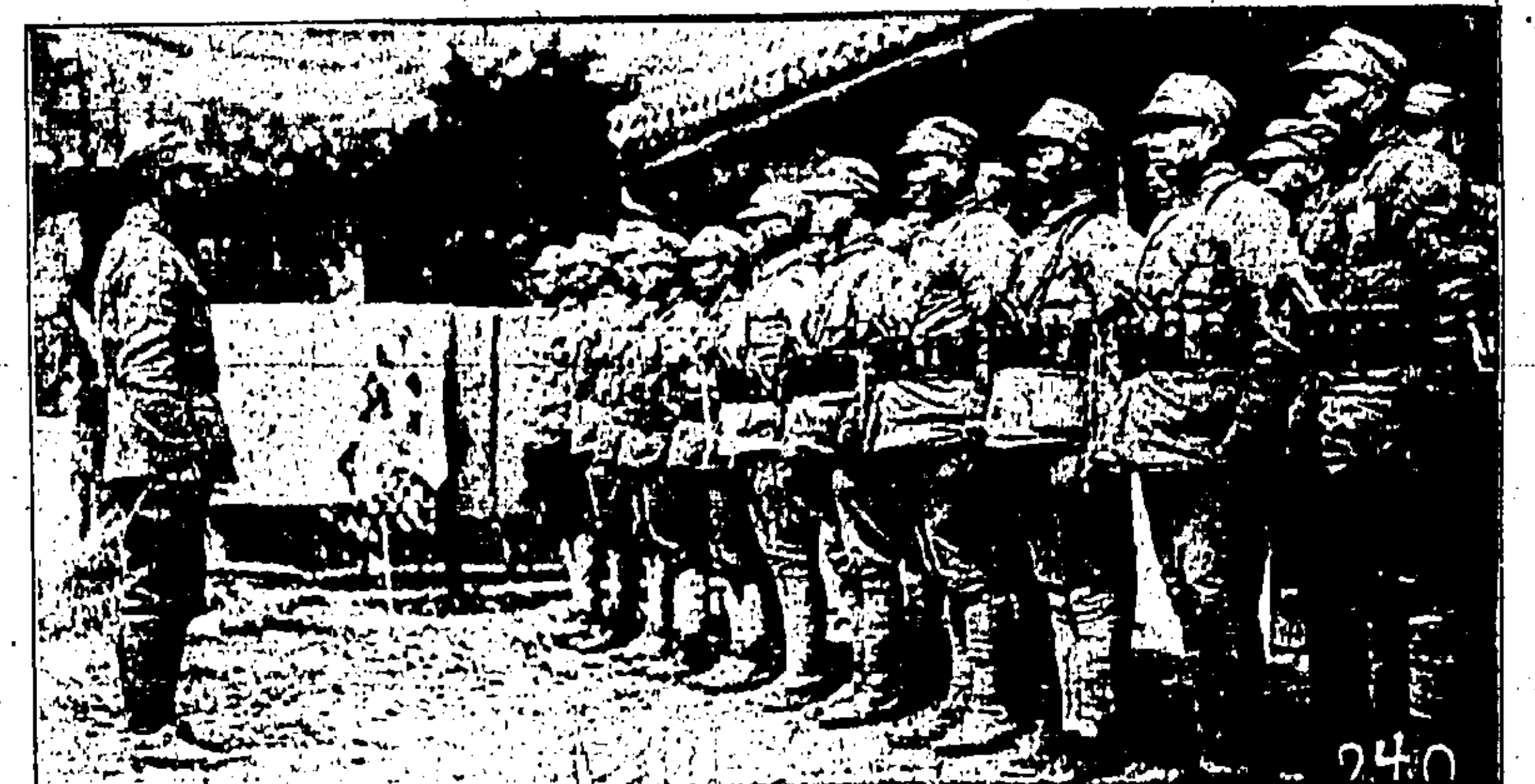
Shanghai posters welcoming the League.



War destroys their homes.



Mr. R. H. Charles being led in second on Harga at the Kwantl Race Meeting.—(K. Fujiyama.)



Members of the "Dare to Die Army," a splendid example of Chinese bravery, on the Klang-wan front.



Lord Lytton in Shanghai.



Reading from left to right General McCoy (U.S.), Mr. Wellington Koo (China), General Caryl (France), Dr. Schull (Germany), Lord Lytton (Britain), General Wong Kuan (19th Army), and Mr. Wu Tich-chung (Mayor of Shanghai) photographed in Shanghai.



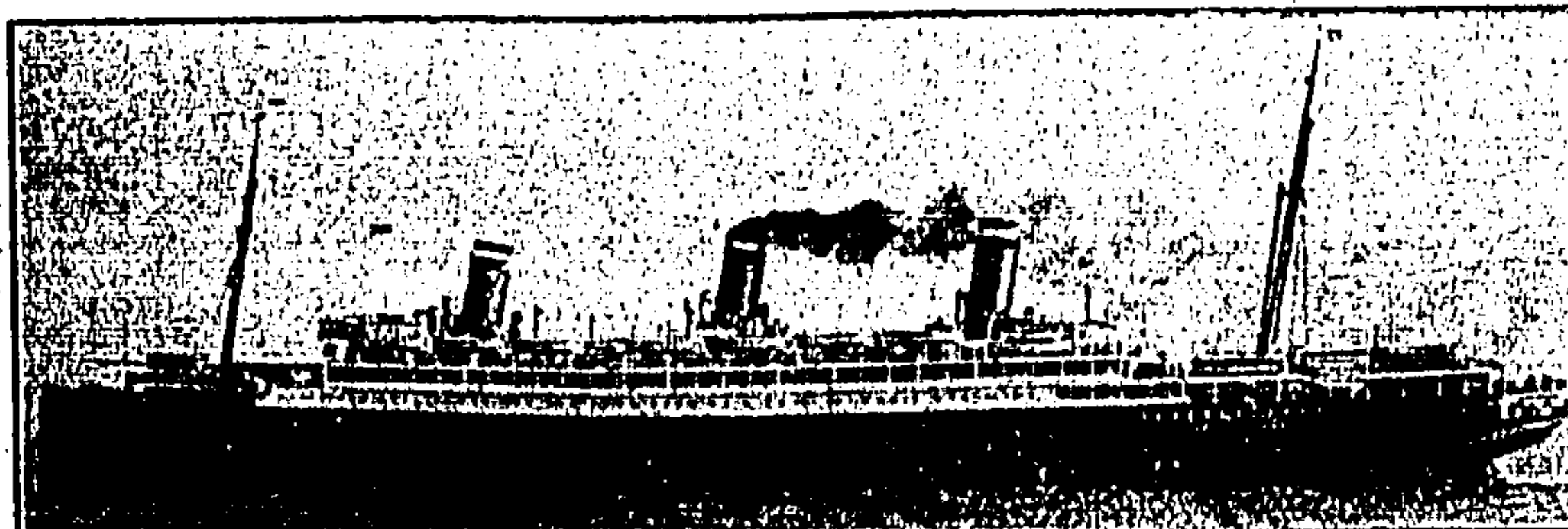
Ruth Elder, the famous aviatrix, now known as Mrs. Walter Camp, arrived in the Colony yesterday.



A 19th Army machine gun post.



The League Commission arrives at Sir Robert Ho Tung's residence in Shanghai.



The U.S. Resolute which arrived in Hong Kong yesterday.



The winners of the Safford Cup in the S.W.B. Cross Country Championship.—(K. Fujiyama.)

THE BOOK OF CHANGES REVIEWED

Sixty-Four Figures

RUNNING COMMENTARY WRITTEN
BY KING WAN.

CONFUCIUS CONCERNED?

[By A. H. Crook, M.A., F.R.G.S.]

We always thought, somehow, that Francis Bacon, Lord Verulam, would have to be given the credit of having discovered the crossword puzzle. But from recent disclosures it may be that this honour will fall to the lot of Fu-hsi, a Chinese gentleman or canonised saint of 3322 B.C.

Mr. Wells (not H. G., but the Rev. H. R.), by a careful study of the hexagrams which form the basis of the Book of Changes, has devised one solution of this ancient crossword puzzle, for the first fourteen figures. But we must confess not only our scepticism of the interpretation but our disappointment at the result even presuming there is a modicum of truth in it.

[The Book of Changes, Genesis, the World and all that is therein.]

But first of all as to the Book of Changes. This work consists of sixty-four elaborate figures, hexagrams (composed from an earlier less elaborate set) with a running commentary on each figure. This commentary, according to Chinese tradition, was written by King Wan, supplemented later by others. Some think that Confucius may have written part of it. The commentary is evidently composite, and this seems to be confirmed by Chinese tradition. It is probably not very old, though the figures, particularly the less elaborate ones, seem to be of an indefinite antiquity.

Chinese Ideogram.

When we are considering the Chinese classics we must remember how comparatively recent the present form of the Chinese ideogram is. "The fact that the great seal character, which was used at the time of Confucius, was not invented until the year 800 B.C. must also be taken into consideration. That a form of writing existed in China earlier than that

time has recently been proved beyond a doubt by finds of incised bones which were used for purposes of divination and which are at least as old as the twelfth century before Christ. But it may easily be supposed that the text suffered severely from its transcription into the new style ideograms." (Wilhelm, "Confucius and Confucianism" p. 101). In fact a work handed down under these conditions would not be so much the old work as a new interpretation. But scholars are not even sure that the work in its present form comes down from the time of Confucius. A statement attributed to Confucius says that "if some years were added to his life, and he gave fifty of them to the study of the Yi (The Book of Changes) he would have no great errors" (quoted by Rev. H. R. Wells p. 4). This has led many to believe that Confucius knew the book as we now have it. But this is not proved. The reviewer of Prof. Wilhelm's book in *The Times Literary Supplement* says:—"Nor does the text say that Confucius had a great love for the Book of Changes," a work which the opinion of many even in China

places far later than the time of Confucius. What Su Ma Chi'en says is that the Master loved 'Changes,' i.e., divination." And this is much more in accordance with what we should expect, and indeed lends naturally to the explanation of what the book seems to be.

Divination Figures.

The simpler figures (*pat kwa*) seem to have been early divination figures, perhaps originally derived from sticks of two lengths cast or tossed before the god, the method of their fall showing the figures which boded ill—or good—fortune according to the interpretation of the priest. The system adopted by the Chinese to-day with the box of divining sticks (*chim tung*) and the divining blocks (*kau pui*) is somewhat similar, though the fortune in these latter cases is read, not from the shape of the figure, but from the number on the stick or from whether the blocks fall convex or flat face upwards. Nine-tenths of Chinese religious worship to-day consists in this reading of the will of the gods and the votary's fortune by divination of this kind.

"Milking the Bull."

Although it may be simple at first, with some races it grows elaborate and mysterious; sometimes reaching very subtle stages in the hands of an esoteric priesthood. The Book of Changes looks like a handbook of instruction for an officiating diviner to tell him in what cases to apply these elaborate figures. It may have been more; but any attempts to get more than this out of it seem like "milking the bull."

Many primitive religions are supremely devoted to a system of divination. The Hebrews had their Urim and Thummim. And indeed it would have been more wisely spent labour on the part of Mr. Wells if he had compared the Book of Changes to the Urim and Thummim of the Israelites, instead of expanding it into the mould of the Book of Genesis. Hebrew is a language somewhat like a crossword puzzle, the 'points' being put in according to the reader's interpretation. Accordingly scholars are not united either as to the sound or derivation of these two words. But they evidently were applied to dice or blocks (something like the Chinese

kau pui) which gave an answer 'yes' or 'no' to the invocation of the worshipper. The passage in I. Samuel XIV. 41 and following verses would seem to show that the people sometimes reached a stage when they were not satisfied with the answer of the oracle. After the exile the Israelites seem to have gradually given up the use of Urim and Thummim. Ezra II. 63 may imply that it was very difficult to interpret, like the hexagrams of the Book of Changes; or more probably the more educated sentiments of the people were becoming rather ashamed of this method of reading their future destinies. When a people outgrows its primitive religious customs and practices it may get over the attendant difficulties in various ways:—(1) The whole original practice may be thrown on to the plane of miracle and a miraculous priesthood may be evolved to screen the rite; or (2) a halo of mystery may be placed round the practice or belief, the votary even applying a language of mystery to the practices he goes through. This was what happened at the Eleusinian Mysteries. Or (3) The original practices may be interpreted as purely symbolical, the coarse original form always being softened down or else interpreted as a misunderstanding of the divine will. Divination from the stars, from the entrails of animals and other weird processes have taken hold of the imaginations of various peoples, but have generally retreated into the fancy beliefs of the less educated stratum in the community.

If Correct.

But there is another side to all this. Suppose that the rather nebulous interpretation put upon these hexagrams by Mr. Wells is the correct one. What then? Are we to regard it as the fine gold of Eden? Mr. Wells appears to think that something would be gained by a Chinese confirmation of a story like the Tower of Babel. But if it were proved for certain that the Book of Genesis was Adam's manuscript diary, and that the hexagrams of the Book of Changes were a history of the early world after the manner of Mr. Wells' explanation directly handed down from Fu-hsi would they be any more acceptable to us as explanations of the evolution of the world? Not at all. The fact that the Book of Genesis explains the first contact of a dark race with a white race, or a small race with a tall, or a subject race with a ruling people, as "the sons of God marrying with the daughters of men," only gives us the mental approach of a primitive people to such a coincidence. And Fu-hsi's confirmation would only confirm the view that primitive minds think alike. What we would get from such early documents if they were handed down would be the data for a fuller appreciation of how these early peoples came to lay such importance on practices of divination, the study of the entrails of animals, astrology; and how beliefs which we now think so curious came in early times to form so large a part in the fundamental faith and practices of the early world.

Mystery Enshrouds It.

There is a danger, however, in writings of the type of the Book of Changes. The very mystery by which it is surrounded, and the impossibility of extracting any certain meaning may make the utterances, if interpreted at all, carry a deeper significance than they are really worth. All prophetic and oracular utterances have this danger. The Pythian priestess at Delphi did much damage. Probably no two books have done more damage in modern human history than the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation. And why? Simply because thousands of uneducated, weak-minded people have interpreted their enigmas about 'the little horn' and 'the grey horse' until they had to be segregated from their fellow human beings and put in an asylum. Mr. Gladstone, on one occasion, eager for a temperance argument which he could use as a clincher in Parliament on behalf of a bill which he was determined to pass on Liquor Reform, rushed up to the Head Official in charge of our lunatic asylums and asked:—"What is the root of all our lunacy? What has filled our asylums?" Mr. Gladstone, needless to say, had made up his mind and only wanted one answer 'alcohol.' But what was his surprise when the Medical authority answered emphatically, "unfulfilled prophecy." And there is a distinct danger that a too close endeavour to read a meaning into these Chinese abracadabras may finally produce a kind of mental aberration more harmful than beneficial, and falsify the student's balance of

mind and discrimination of judgment. There seems to be nothing in what Mr. Wells has given us commensurate with the amount of effort expended. There are so many, much deeper and graver problems, and ones, too, much more worthy of Mr. Wells' steel, which are crying out for attention and solution. He had better turn his attention to them. It is a pity, therefore, that he should urge others to direct their attention to a will o' the wisp such as this. If we had all the information that such books could give us on the origin of the world, the enigma of sex, the evolution of man and the animal kingdom, the flood, and the tower of Babel we should still prefer Darwin, Weismann, Sir James Jeans and Sir James Frazer as our monitors and guides rather than these uncritical solutions of a dateless past.

Type of Teaching.

As an example of the type of teaching which can be gathered from the Book of Changes and the hexagrams therein none is more emphatic than the curious and tantalising doctrine of the *yum* and the *yang*. Originally it may have been a crude phallic mode of thought which gradually became enlarged and sublimated from the biological basis of sex in the animal kingdom to embrace all the phenomena of existence.

In doing so it lost definiteness and precision and gave a spurious appearance of meaning by a false application of mysterious polarities. As used by the Chinese now the conception of the *yum* and *yang* has simply hindered thought instead of assisting it. And we turn with a sense of relief to the Western exponents of such mysteries, like Emerson or Mr. Havelock Ellis; or better still to the inspired verses of our greatest living poet:—

Let me go forth, and share
The overflowing Sun
With one wise friend, or one
Better than wise, being fair,
Where the pawit wheels and dips
On heights of bracken and ling,
And earth, into her leaflet tips,
Tingles with the Spring.
What is so sweet and dear
As a prosperous morn in May,
The confident prime of the day,
And the dauntless youth of the year,
When nothing that asks for bliss,
Asking aright, is denied,
And half of the world a bridegroom
is,
And half of the world a bride.

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"THE QUEEN OF CRUISING STEAMSHIPS"

Arrival in Hong Kong

"DEPRESSION BALL" HELD ON LEAP
YEAR DAY.

"FLOATING UNIVERSITY" TOUR

The s.s. *Resolute*, known to world travellers as "Queen of Cruising Steamships" arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon, on her ninth cruise around the world.

Carrying a passenger list of 218, among whom are many well-known people, the *Resolute* is calling at 30 different countries, in a tour of 143 days' duration. She left New York on January 6 and is due back there on May 27.

The general opinion of the passengers, as voiced to a *Sunday Herald* representative, is that the voyage so far has been "stunning."

The present cruise, like all preceding ones, started in New York. The steamer, after calling at Funchal (Madeira) and Gibraltar, entered the Mediterranean, where Palma de Mallorca, the French Riviera, Naples, Greece, Palestine, and Egypt were visited. After passing through the Suez Canal and steaming down the Red Sea, a call was made at Djibouti in French Somaliland, prior to proceeding to India, which is one of the principal attractions of the annual Hapag World Cruise. Several overland tours were made from Bombay, the first port of call in that country, their programmes including: Agra, Delhi, Benares, Calcutta and Darjeeling, situated in the foothills of the Himalayas. Extensive shore excursions were made in Southern India and in Ceylon.

Leaving Hong Kong

From there the itinerary included Penang, Malacca, Pak Nam, Singapore, Java, Bali, Sulu and Manila. From the last named port she proceeded to Hong Kong when she will remain until Tuesday evening when she will leave for Keelung.

Among the pleasures of the trip, was a "depression ball," which was held on the ship on February 29—leap year day. The ladies did the inviting, and for the occasion wore the oldest clothes they possessed. Instead of the usual elaborate dinner the meal consisted of biscuits and coffee.

Speaking of food, it is interesting

to know that when the *Resolute* left New York, she brought with her sufficient provisions to last for four and a half months.

Floating University.

Among the passengers on the cruise are a number of students, members of a "floating university." The students come from all parts of America, and are under the charge of Professor George Gleason of Yale University and Miss Mary Sinclair Crawford, Dean of the University of Southern California. The object of their tour is the study of modern day problems in the literature of the countries visited, and to compare book study with what they actually see. Their studies create in them, they say, a sympathetic attitude towards the various countries.

Automobile King.

One of the most celebrated passengers on board is Dr. Wilhelm von Opel, head of the Opel Motor Car Co., which has just been purchased by General Motors of America. Herr Opel's trip is more in the nature of a business trip than one of pleasure, as most of his time on the ship is being spent in keeping in radio communication with his business interests. He is also making a study of automobile conditions in the various countries.

Probably the youngest world cruiser on record is little Nancy Fahnke, who is not quite one year

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The CALL of the OPEN ROAD

Hongkong Sunday Herald

MOTERING SECTION

HONG KONG, MARCH 27, 1932.

THE PETER PAN OF THE MOTOR WORLD

Ask any dozen people, well informed in the history of the automobile, to trace the birth of the small car. In all probability there will be at least half a dozen different replies, writes a correspondent of The Autocar. Some will say that the small car was born before the Emancipation Act; that the history of the automobile is, in fact, the history of the small car, since the earliest cars were small. Others will say that the small car was born when it was made a practical proposition by the introduction of such cars as the Singer, Standard, Calcott, Morris-Oxford, Stellite, and others produced in 1912 or thereabouts, at a time when many thought that the cycle car with its motor cycle engine and transmission had a definite place in the general scheme of motoring.

Some, perhaps, will give the credit to Sir Herbert Austin with his Austin Seven, which, introduced in 1922, has, with only a few modifications, endured until to-day, when it is sold in its thousands in most countries of the world. Undoubtedly, the Austin Seven has brought into being genuine small cars, and it has been the means of introducing thousands of people to the joys of motoring. Designed by Sir Herbert Austin in his billiards room, it was regarded by many as a joke. With an engine no larger than the family sidecar outfit it seemed absurd to offer it as a serious proposition, yet it was not long before it appeared with a saloon body and became more popular than any other single type of small passenger vehicle.

The small cars of the 'nineties, like all lusty infants, quickly grew up and became large, and then really large, cars. The popular little cars of 1912 and 1913 followed a similar course of evolution until at the time when the Austin Seven was placed on the market there were practically no small cars—at least few under 1,200 c.c. capacity. The majority had grown up and became medium-size cars of 1,600 c.c. and over.

The Austin Seven is the Peter Pan of the movement—it refuses to grow up. It is practically the same to-day as it was when it left Sir Herbert Austin's billiards table eighty years ago. Since then others have come into the field to share the market it created, but they have all been just a little larger, excepting those which for special purposes have been reduced in bore in order to bring them into an international racing class. So the little Austin may justly claim to be the pioneer of a small car movement.

This car was designed for the family man who wished to convey his wife and, say, two children into the country at a speed of about 35 m.p.h., and undoubtedly this was the car's most satisfactory speed. But tuned-up—and sometimes supercharged—models have done over a hundred miles an hour, and

other small cars reduced to the same capacity have put up similar phenomenal performances, besides winning many great races over long distances.

Speeds They Attain.

As is generally known, the Austin Seven has a side-valve engine, yet with a supercharger fitted it has attained a speed of 109.13 miles an hour for five kilometres. The M.G. Midget, a later design, which has incidentally, reached 114.77 m.p.h. for the same distance (both these records were made at Montlhéry); while the side-valve Morris Minor, with an engine about 10 per cent. larger, has also run supercharged at over 100 m.p.h.

Truly remarkable infants, these little cars of 750 c.c. It is to be hoped that they will not grow, for there are cars a little larger—and always only a very little larger—so that to-day the buyer does not have to purchase a car of 1,200 c.c. if he requires one a little more powerful than 75 c.c. He can go up in easy stages: 747 c.c., 832 c.c., 847 c.c., 907 c.c., 972 c.c., 1,005 c.c., 1,018 c.c., 1,089 c.c., 1,184 c.c., and so on up to 8,000 c.c. There is no necessity for the Peter Pans to grow up at all.

cylinder liners separate from the block would soon come into more general use were it not for the fact that they cause an increase in cost of production. In spite of the great skill which has been attained by iron foundries, it is naturally extremely difficult, in a complicated casting embracing the cylinders and crankcase, to ensure an absolutely uniform thickness in the metal surrounding each cylinder bore.

INORDINATE OIL CONSUMPTION.

MANY CARS SUFFER.

Prominent Engineer's Theory.

There would seem to be no end to the theories propounded to account for the inordinate oil consumption from which many cars have suffered during the past years after completing some thousands of miles.

Aluminium-alloy pistons, soft-cylinder irons, stiff piston rings, new ways of finishing cylinder bores, lack of care when running in or when starting from cold, and road grit have all been advanced as possible causes.

In The Motor, a prominent engineer recently expressed the opinion that troubles with excessive consumption largely date from the time when a general change was made from low-pressure to high-pressure lubrication. He then proceeded to explain the theory on the following lines.

Five or six years ago most engines were fitted with a simple form of pump which maintained a supply of oil at a constant level in troughs which were skimmed by dippers formed on the big-ends of the connecting rods; a pressure of just a few pounds per square inch sufficed for this purpose and for the delivery of oil to the main bearings.

Elaborate Oiling Systems. Owing to the great increase in the power output and revolution speed of engines, designers began to employ more elaborate systems of lubrication, largely to safeguard the big-ends, the principle being to deliver a considerable volume of oil through the earings in order to carry away the heat.

Crankshafts were drilled for the passage of lubricant from the journals to the crankpins and, of course, the pressure built up by the pump had to be increased to more than ten times its previous figure in order to overcome the resistance to the flow of oil.

In an engine of this type—and in England it is a type which has become almost universal—the quantity of oil circulated through the crankshaft depends very largely upon the clearances in the bearings through which the oil eventually escapes. After a few thousand miles these clearances may well become double the original allowance without producing any audible results.

Consequently, the oil thrown off the big-ends and up into the cylinders may likewise be doubled, making it much more difficult for the piston rings to prevent the lubricant from reaching the combustion chambers, where it is burnt and wasted.

The owner of a car which has reached this condition naturally ascribes the excessive oil consumption entirely to cylinder wear, whereas the bores may be only very little larger than when new. Consequently, in many cases, if the quantity of oil thrown into the cylinders could be reduced to the figure which obtained when the car was new the consumption would return to something near the normal amount.

Oil Control.

Experiments have been made in the direction of controlling the quantity of oil circulated independently of the condition of the bearings, and as a result it was found possible to maintain the oil consumption at a reasonable figure over much longer periods than are normally considered practicable.

One of the difficulties of discussing this subject is that every one bases his pet theory upon his own experiences, which are usually confined to one type or make of engine. Consequently, it would not be fair to seize upon this method of oil control as a remedy which could universally be applied. Nevertheless, it is interesting to find that in certain cases the use of such a control has been attended by highly beneficial results.

According to the same engineer, (Continued in preceding column)

ONE of the most interesting episodes of Germany's desperate struggle to obtain rubber during the World War was the spectacular voyage of the submarine Deutschland to American shores in 1916. Perhaps no single event of that period, when the United States were a neutral nation brought the war closer to her front door than did the dramatic appearance of the under water craft, when she rose from the depths of the Atlantic and stood at the nation's threshold in the harbour of Baltimore.

Loading up to this famous adventure there is an untold story which goes back to a period several weeks before her arrival. An incident had occurred which gave deep concern to those who were charged with preventing Germany from procuring any of the rubber which England had agreed the U.S. might have, providing it did not reach her enemy. Under circumstances of a highly suspicious nature, some fourteen or fifteen carloads of rubber had been shipped from New York to Baltimore.

The Rubber Control Committee had no doubt that there was something decidedly wrong with the whole transaction, but while they had detected a plot, they were without authority to act. However, to keep faith with their pledge, they sent a message to the British Consul in New York. In effect this message read, "Watch for developments in Baltimore."

RUNNING THE RUBBER BLOCKADE

On July 9, 1916, came the full realization that this was no ordinary shipment of rubber. It was on that day that the Deutschland put in her appearance in American waters. The whole world gasped at the daring of the exploit and at the bold spirit which had brought her through seas completely dominated by her enemy. Here was the first submarine ever to cross the Atlantic.

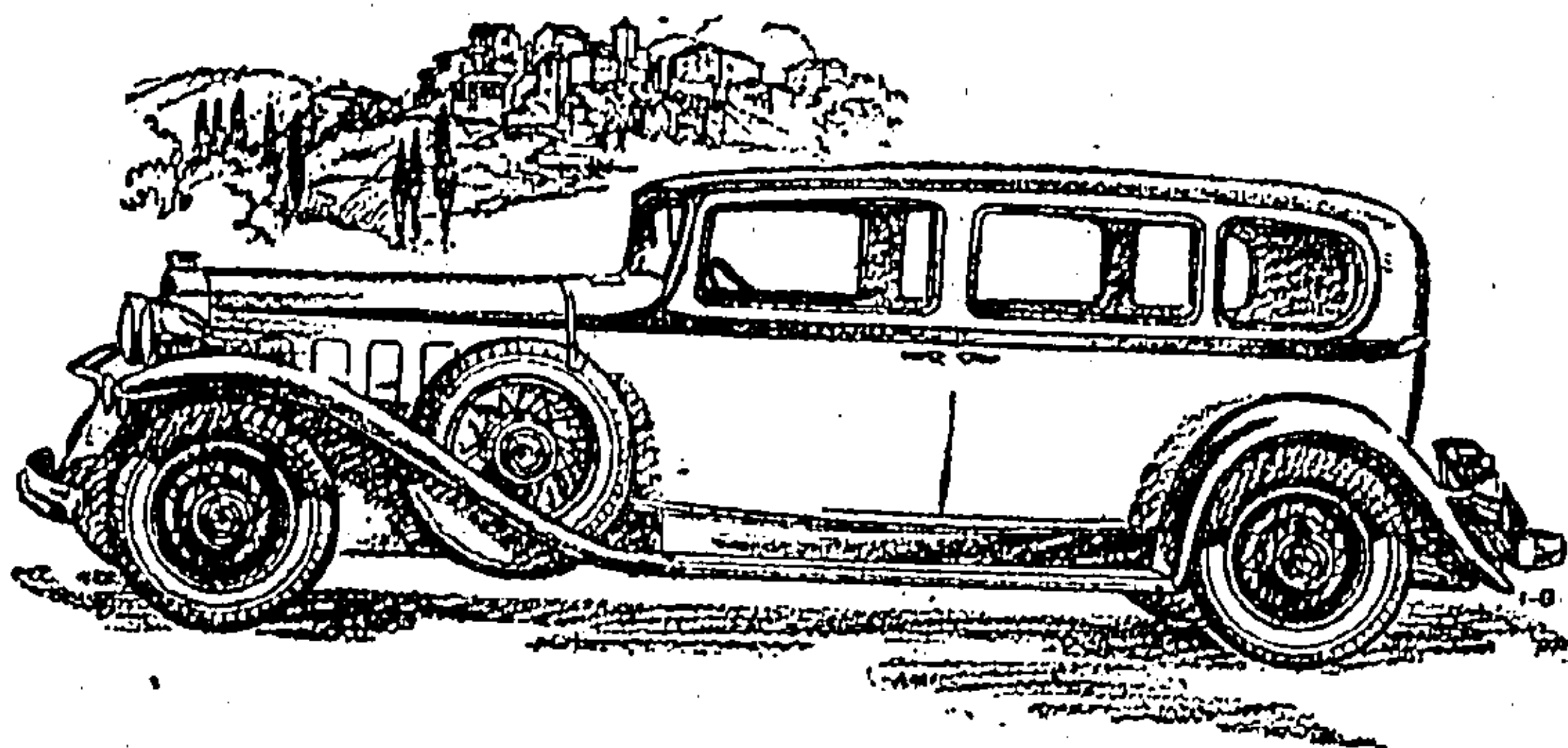
Although this happened less than a year before the United States entered into the war, the sheer courage which had made the voyage of the Deutschland possible brought forth acclamations from the American people. If it was not with looting whistles that they watched her journey up Chesapeake Bay from Norfolk to Baltimore, it was at least with respect for a difficult task well done. At Baltimore she discharged the cargo she had brought to the United States—more than three thousand cases of dyes, which were much needed at that time. She had come in quest of rubber and as her status was that of an unarmed merchant ship on a peaceful errand, there was no legal way to prevent her taking aboard those carloads of rubber which had been secretly bought. But the broker who had handled this transaction was barred from future dealings in the American markets.

Within three weeks the precious cargo of rubber had been stowed away in the German submarine, and on August 1, she turned her nose oceanward, dropped down into the depths of the Atlantic and headed toward her homeland. England's only hope was in having her warships seize this cargo of rubber as contraband after it had left American shores. But with the Deutschland carving an invisible path underseas, the British Navy failed to intercept her and her safe arrival was reported 22 days later. And thus did the Deutschland make a valuable contribution to her mother country by getting into Germany a substantial amount of the rubber so vitally needed. While it was not enough to make many tires, yet it must have helped tremendously in reducing Germany's shortage of gas masks and other extremely necessary articles dependent upon rubber.

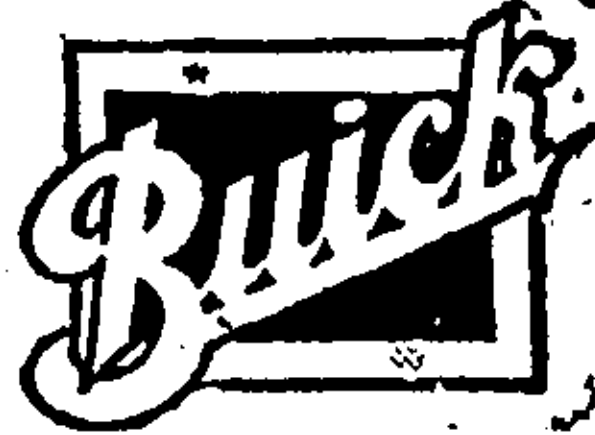
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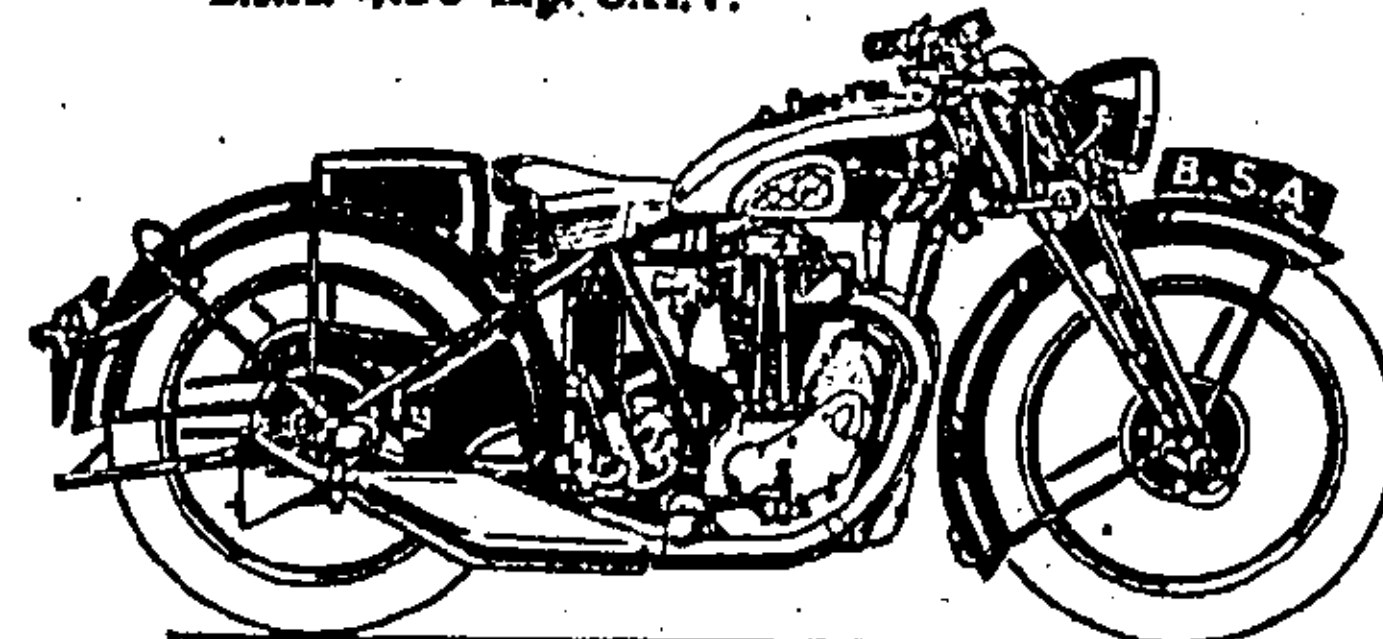
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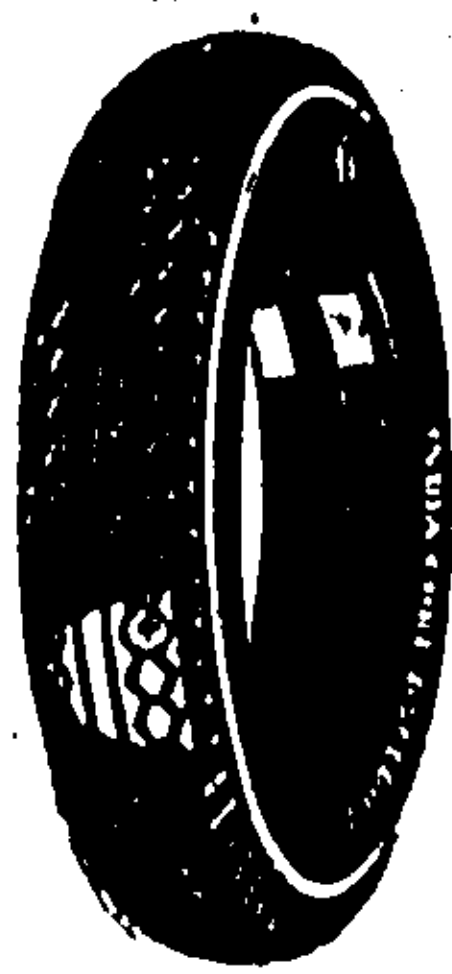
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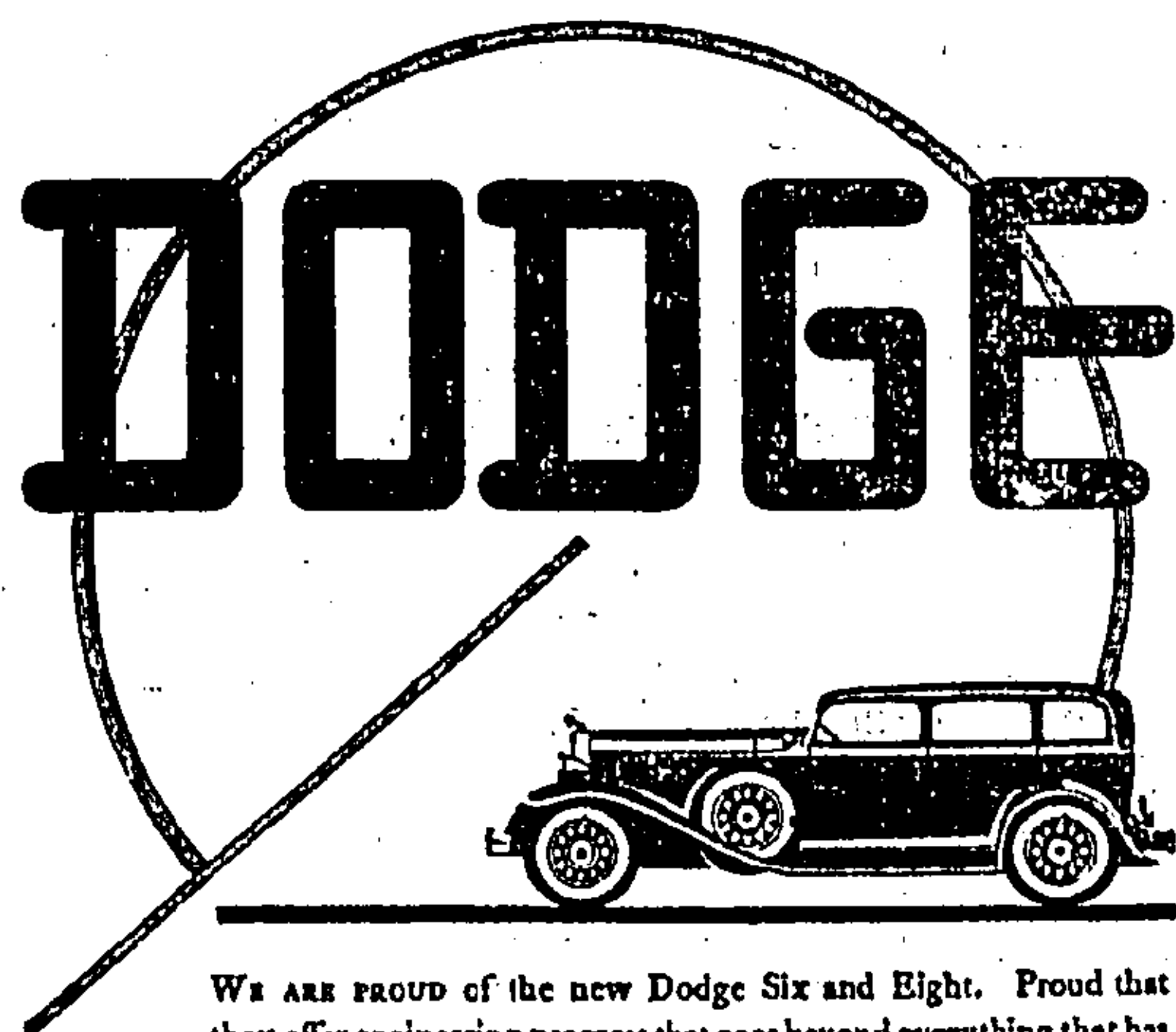
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STRONG TANKS ESSENTIAL

THIS extreme intensity of a petrol blaze and the rapidity with which it can occur and spread are such that a conflagration of this type is always vividly remembered by anyone present. Luckily, car fires so rarely occur, despite the large number of vehicles in daily use, that most motorists may go for years without seeing a catastrophe of this kind and even less likely is it that they will themselves have such an experience.

On the other hand, a highly combustible fuel and a ready agent for its ignition in the shape of electric power are in such dangerous proximity on cars of all types that it is foolish indeed to dismiss the risks of fire as being negligible. For example, on cars which are neglected it is common enough to find a number of points where a leakage of petrol is taking place, and at other points faulty insulation may render the occurrence of a spark quite likely at any time. With the essential ingredients in readiness it needs but the right combination of circumstances to initiate a fire.

Strong Tanks and Piping.

Points such as these, says The Motor, can quite well be guarded against by the car owner. Another aspect of fire risks, however, is found in the way in which cars are constructed, and critics may rightly claim that manufacturers are apt to pay all too little attention to this matter. Every care should be taken to provide really sturdy vibration-proof tanks, pipes and fittings for the petrol system, and in the same way the chances of electrical short-circuits should be minimized by using wiring of good quality, thoroughly insulated, and by paying due attention to the way in which it is attached to the chassis.

Another important point is that each of these two systems should embody a means whereby the driver can, at an instant's notice, cut off the supply. At one time an accessible petrol tap was found on almost every car, but since rear tanks became popular this useful fitting has become less frequently used. It is true that a tap is usually fitted beneath a vacuum tank, but, as a rule, this can only be reached after stopping the car and raising the bonnet. This is unfortunate, because it would be a very easy matter to provide an extended handle reachable from the driver's seat, and, indeed, accessories are available for this purpose.

Petrol Tap a Safeguard.

When petrol is fed from a rear tank by a pump there is not perhaps the same need for an accessible tap, but, nevertheless, such a fitting is an extra safeguard of value because circumstances can be imagined in which it might be essential to cut off the supply of fuel owing, say, to the ignition switch becoming inoperative.

As regards the electrical system it is seldom, if ever, that one sees a master switch embodied in the circuit, although a few discriminating owners employ such a device, amongst whom must be numbered H.M. the King. A car accumulator is specially designed to give a heavy flow of current such as is needed to operate a starter motor; and consequently, if a short-circuit occurs, the wires in question overheat very rapidly.

At the present time, if such a fault occurs suddenly on the road—for example, if wisps of smoke, commence to emerge from under the instrument panel—the only course which the owner can adopt is to stop the car, find a spanner of the right size, get at the batteries and remove the positive connection. If a master switch were fitted it would only take a matter of seconds to cut off the supply of current in an emergency, and, furthermore, the safety with which a car could be left in a garage overnight would be greatly enhanced by the use of such a fitting.

Single-Pole Wiring Systems. In these days the single-pole wiring system is the most popular,

which means that if any wire comes into direct contact with any metal parts of the vehicle a path is made available for the flow of current. When one considers the extent of the wiring system, and the number of electrical gadgets with which cars are now fitted, it is really surprising that more trouble does not arise from this source.

Makers of electrical equipment—notably Messrs. Lucas—have done much to minimize the risk by providing the car builder with braided and fully insulated cables to simplify the wiring, and are also now making a practice of using fuses in the principal circuits which melt when overloaded, so preventing a prolonged flow of current should a short-circuit occur. These steps are all to the good, but nevertheless, could be improved upon by the use of a master switch on the lines which we have suggested.

Whenever the floorboards are removed for the replenishment of the gearbox or other purposes, it is a good plan to examine the wiring, which is usually clipped to a side member of the frame. The insulation, if damaged where clipped, may be bound with insulation tape. The wiring is also apt to suffer damage under the front wings, where it is taken to the side lamps. Another point worth mentioning is that any new fitting acquired by the car owner, such as a fog lamp, should not be wired up in a slipshod manner such as is often seen.

The Ignition System.

The electrical ignition system employed on the engine requires special safeguards owing to the very high voltage produced in the secondary circuit of a coil or magneto. In the main, it may be said that the necessary insulation is properly carried out and is durable. Owners should, however, keep moulded Bakelite fittings clean by an occasional wipe, so as to reduce the likelihood of a spark leaping across the exposed surfaces. It is also necessary at intervals to have the high-tension leads replaced, as their rubber insulation is apt to deteriorate in the hot and oily atmosphere present beneath the bonnet.

Reverting to the petrol system, the way in which the petrol is actually stored is undoubtedly a mat-

ter of great importance. The tank should be a strong structure of stout-gauge sheet metal, and should be properly protected against damage in the event of a collision.

Protecting the Tank.

Naturally, it is impossible to ensure that a tank will not spill its contents in the event of a smash, but much can be done to render this catastrophe unlikely, whether the tank be secured to the dash or placed between the rear dumbirons. A stout wooden lagging will help to prevent local damage, while a heavier blow can be guarded against by using a protective reinforcement. Rear tanks are usually fairly well protected nowadays by a bumper, a folding luggage grid or both, but more might well be done to protect scuttle tanks.

Petrol pipes are often somewhat flimsy and in the course of time vibration fatigues the material, so that the pipe becomes brittle and is apt to snap off. When a car is being overhauled it is worth while to have the piping removed and annealed if it has seen long service. Much depends, of course, upon whether the piping is properly supported so as to defeat vibration. On racing cars flexible and leakproof metallic tubing is used for the petrol system.

Care should always be used in tightening petrol-pipe unions. Leakage at such points is often due to the pipe being bent or, alternatively, the cone which makes the joint may have become damaged. When either of these faults is present no amount of tightening will cure the leak, and, on the other hand, the screw threads will probably be thereby damaged. Leakage may also occur at the carburettor float chamber, at petrol filter joints and at taps. Particular care, incidentally, is necessary when disconnecting a pipe from a tap fitted to a scuttle tank; two spanners should be used, one to hold the body of the tap while the other is used to unscrew the union nut. Careless handling here will loosen the socket in the tank in which the tap is screwed.

Before concluding, two other causes of fire must be mentioned, these being blow-backs through the carburettor and the hot metal of the exhaust system. The former fault is apt to occur when a cold engine is running on a weak mixture and will occasionally set fire to the petrol in the float chamber. To deal with this contingency the driver should turn off the petrol and keep the engine running fast, so draining the float chamber and stopping the fire. Alternatively, it can be smothered with a coat by acting quickly.

Hot Exhaust Pipes.

If petrol drips upon a very hot exhaust pipe it will evaporate without igniting, but a mixture of petrol and oil can be set alight in this way. The safest rule is, therefore, to keep the fuel well away from the exhaust system, and another good up is to keep the engine clean externally; then should a fire be initiated, it will not spread so quickly.

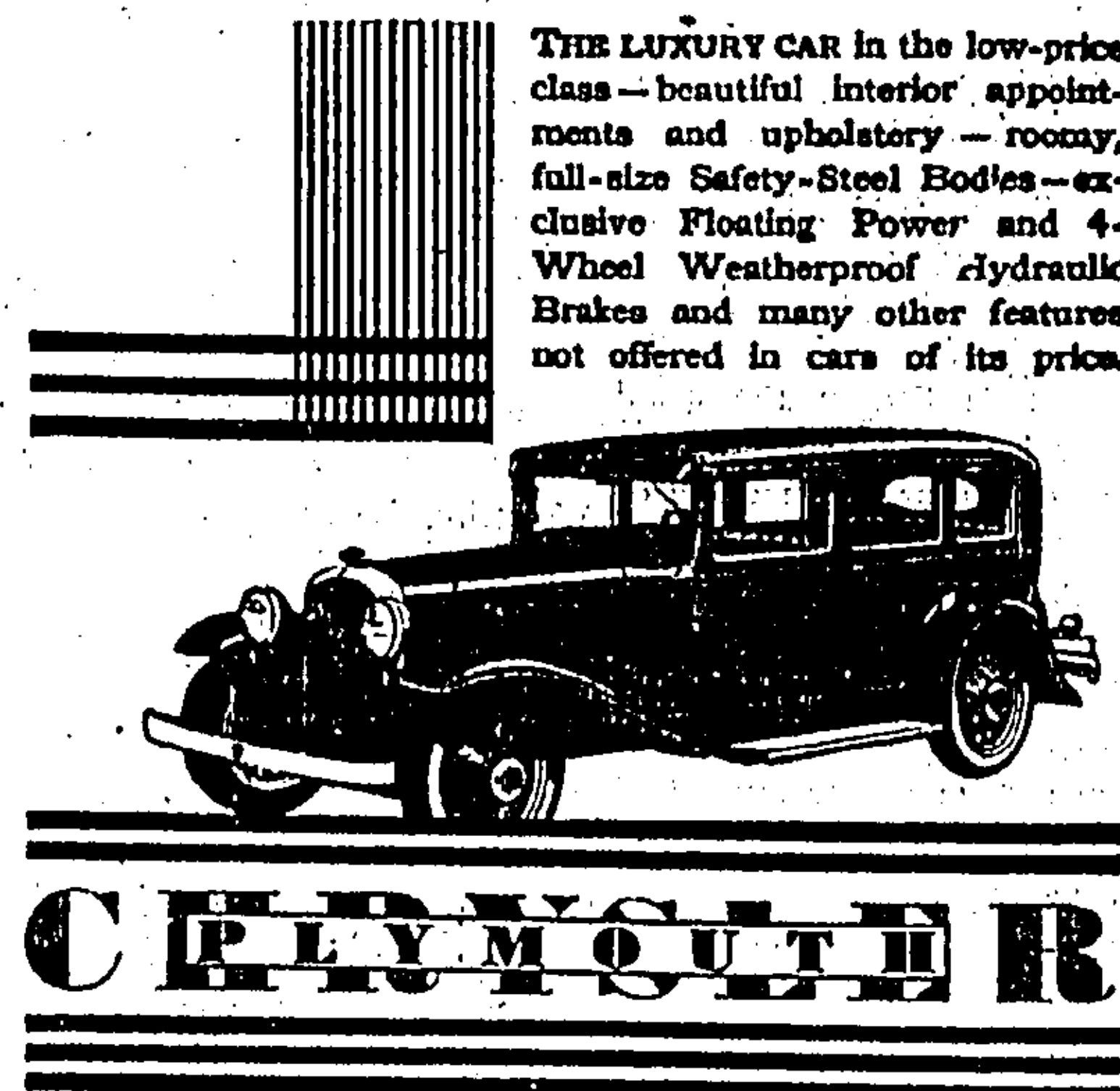
To sum up, there will always be a risk of fire so long as cars carry a highly inflammable fuel together with various means for its ignition. By taking reasonable precautions, however, the likelihood of fire can undoubtedly be minimized and equally important is it that one should have at hand some means for the immediate suppression of a fire should it occur.

Possibilities of Oil Engines.

Should oil engines, using heavy fuels ignited by compression, ever become generally employed for private cars, the risk of fire would be greatly reduced. Years will probably elapse before this development takes shape, however, and in the meantime, we think that the construction of a petrol chassis on lines specially designed to mitigate fire hazards is a subject worthy of close investigation.

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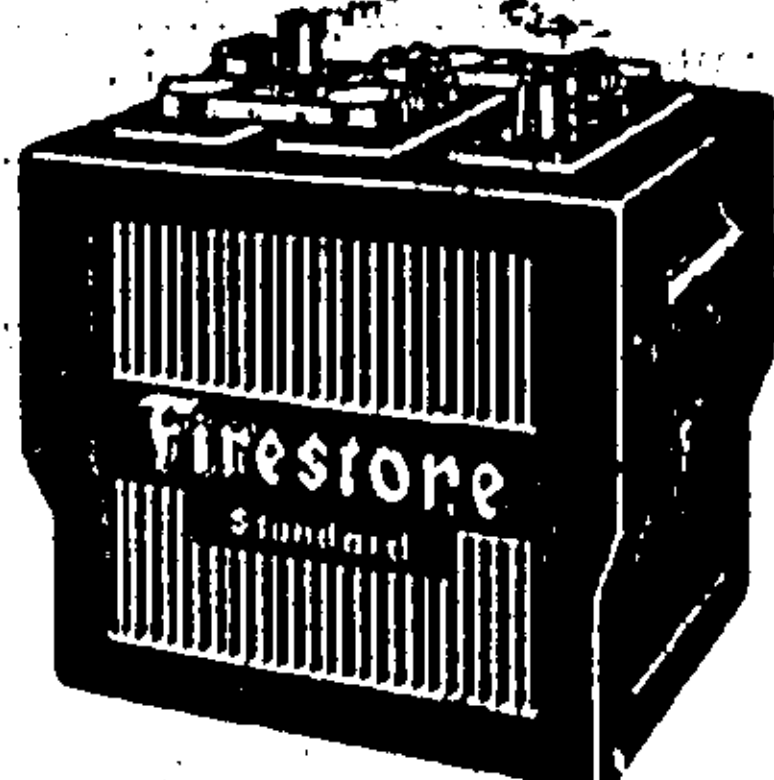
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LEAGUE TENNIS.

Suggestion for Method of Scoring.

ON SHANGHAI LINES.

[By Polnau.]

With the approach of the League Tennis Season the usual point is raised regarding the desirability of the present method of scoring, and after a conversation with a Shanghai player, in which he pointed out the method adopted by the northern port, I am inclined to accept his views that the Shanghai system of scoring would be an excellent innovation for our Annual Leagues.

From 1909 when the "A" Division was first organized until 1928, the system in vogue was that a team was comprised of three pairs who played 11 games against each pair of the opposing side, making a total of 99 games, and the team winning 50 or more games was awarded the match, irrespective of the margin of games won and lost and awarded one League point.

Method Amended.

In 1929, this method was altered slightly and in place of 11 games each pair played one set against each of the opposing pairs, with the provision added in 1930, or last year, that should the score reach 6 games-all each side should score 1/2 a match point. With this method it was possible for a match to be drawn, and in consequence more interest was evidenced because of the possibility of the leaders finishing on equal terms at the close of the season. But even with this method the comparative merits of respective clubs were not reflected correctly in the final standings in the League table.

Shanghai System.

Turning now to the Shanghai system of scoring. A team consists of five pairs. Before the commencement of a match the respective rankings are declared. Corresponding pairs from each side then play the whole of three sets, and the total sets won are registered to the credit of the side in the League table. As a result of this method, I am given to understand that great keenness is displayed, with pairs fighting hard to collect whatever sets they can of the 15 points awarded to each match, in order that their team may be favourably placed. An added advantage is that the players are not required to have their game spoiled by interruptions, as is experienced in Hong Kong; waiting sometimes between sets or alternatively being called upon to continue immediately after finishing a long game which concluded at 6-all.

Home and Away Matches.

Another feature is the home and away matches. There is a ruling that should a match not be played on the fixed day owing to the weather the fixture is scheduled for the first fine day following (excluding Saturdays and Sundays).

Arising out of the above I would suggest that the various Tennis Sub-Committees of Clubs who intend participating in this year's League discuss the features as outlined, with an arrangement for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays being allocated to play in the "A," "B" and "C" Divisions respectively, and the Mixed Doubles League to commence after the "A" Division programme has been completed.

Free Week-end.

This would mean Tuesdays and Thursdays are vacant dates for playing off postponed matches due to inclement weather leaving Saturdays and Sundays free. This innovation of allowing players a free week-end is desirable in the Summer months when bathing pleasures are in vogue, and it is a very likely probability that a greater number of players would be willing to participate in League Tennis if they were not called upon to give up their Saturdays for only about an hour or two of play.

The possibility of a period of wet weather, thus causing a great number of postponed fixtures, could be overcome by allocating the Saturdays in September and the first half of October to complete all fixtures should the necessity arise, thus all players would know well ahead of time what days would have to be set aside for Tennis, and further the fixtures would be completed before Cricket commences.



HOME SPORT

by
F. G. MACASKIE
(Our London Correspondent)

London, Feb. 28.

Wrestling for London.

"All-in" wrestling—in which the combatants are allowed to scratch, bite, kick, punch low, and even to twist each other's mouths—is a spectacle promised for patrons of London variety.

Twelve International "all-in" wrestling stars are announced to appear at the Victoria Palace, and an attraction for the timid—any member of the audience will be allowed to challenge them.

Among the wrestlers who will appear is one Wango, the Negro champion, who is 6 ft. 4 in. in height and weighs 18 st.

I was informed that Wango has a little peculiarity which he indulges in before each contest. He beats on his chest, producing a drum-like sound such as the gorilla produces before doing battle with one of his tribe.

Rugby League Trial.

From information received I learned that the Rugby League Australian tour trial match played at Huddersfield on Thursday, produced sound and whole-hearted play, but few reputations were enhanced. There were no bad failures, but on the other hand, there were no very prominent players, and probably all were rather below club form. The best players were Winter (Featherstone Rovers), Atkinson (Castleford), Adams (Leeds), and Tiffany (Huddersfield).

London Cup Record.

Yesterday's F.A. Cup results created history for London football, this being the first time two London Clubs have reached the semi-final. Chelsea and the Arsenal certainly represent financial power, and their classical players which they have spent large sums of money on have made it possible for them to achieve the success they have attained.

The presence of London's 450,000 teams in the last four seasons has big problems for the Football Association. If Arsenal and Chelsea are drawn together tomorrow afternoon, where will the match be played?

Bury's Great Rally.

Manchester City certainly got a fight yesterday when Bury, being four goals down shortly after the interval put on all sail and scored three snap goals which completely baffled the defence.

I was told that this plucky second division team were beaten by the clock. The closing minutes, that will be remembered in Bury for years to come, saw the City defence crumpled and battered by the terrific Bury attack, to gain the equalising goal. But the final whistle saved Manchester City and paved their way for Wembley.

Schneider Trophy Substitute.

In a previous letter I mentioned that the Viceroy of India had presented a trophy to act as a substitute for the Schneider Cup, and the first race for this air trophy was to be staged from Delhi in the latter weeks of February. I am now in a position to give the result of the first Viceroy Trophy air race.

There were twelve competitors including two women, Miss Crossley and Mrs. Horsman, and the race was won by Mr. Spout, of the Punjab Flying Club, at an average speed of 96 miles per hour. One gratifying feature in the race was that all competitors flew British machines.

It will no doubt be recalled that Miss Crossley was a competitor in last year's King's Cup Race, and completed the course. Mrs. Horsman, on the other hand, was her passenger in that event.

Racing Rumour.

I was rather interested in a rumour which was going the rounds in the City on Friday that Capt. Sassoon was giving up racing, but a chat with Mr. P. Woodland, his trainer, dispelled all

doubts of this popular millionaire racehorse owner retiring from the turf.

Mr. Woodland informed me that the reason that Captain Sassoon's horses have been scratched is that because of his recent accident he will be unable to ride them this season. He broke a collar-bone while riding at exercise. As soon as he has recovered from that accident he will have his appendix removed, but he expects to be riding again next season.

He informed me that he had two horses belonging to Captain Sassoon, which are to be specially trained for next year's Grand National, and I am hopeful he will be fit enough then to ride his first winner in the big steeplechase.

Soccer Bribery.

To those who believe that Association Football is crooked to the core the news of the Montrose Football Club affair must have come as a welcome topic for the old argument. Gavin Hamilton, a former captain of the Montrose Football Club, has been sent to prison for two months, for attempting to bribe the left back of the Montrose Club to lose the match against Edinburgh City on December 5 last, the Montrose Club is in the second division of the Scottish League.

Bookmaker's Confidence.

Mr. Horace J. Brueon, a Birmingham bookmaker who owns Old Riley, has engaged Archie Burns to ride his horse in the Lincolnshire Handicap. So certain is he of victory that he has promised £1,000 to Birmingham charities should it win.

Old Riley is a three-year-old, and the last horse of that age to succeed was Wolf's Crag in 1893, even the famous mare, Sceptre, failed in 1902, although she later won the Two Thousand Guineas, the One Thousand Guineas, The Oaks and the St. Ledger.

Old Riley won seven out of ten races last year and should therefore command attention.

English Rugby Trial Changes.

It has been found necessary because of injuries to players to make some rearrangement of the teams for the Rugby International Trial Match at Twickenham on Saturday. W. H. Sobey, the England scrum-half, is injured, and B. C. Cadney (Leicester) will move from the Rest team to take his place. A. Key (Old Cranleighans) will come in to fill the vacancy in the Rest side. J. R. Auty (Headingley) also cannot play and J. A. Tallent (Blackheath) will move from centre three-quarter to replace Auty at half-back, while G. M. Seldon (Walsall and North Midlands) will play in the centre.

Cambridge Hard At It.

On Friday the Cambridge crew continued to make good progress at Goring where they again had C. J. S. Sergel at No. 5, with L. Luxton at stroke.

J. R. S. Best, who had to retire from the crew on Tuesday with a temperature, will probably resume "tubbing" practice to-morrow. The principal work yesterday was a row from Gatchampton Ferry to Gatchampton railway bridge against the stream, the quarter of a mile being covered in the satisfactory time of 1 min. 25 secs.

Oxford Crew Fit.

Conditions were ideal for the work of the Oxford crew at Henley on Friday. All members were "tubbed" by Mr. Barker and the eight then had a protracted outing. Work, however, was mainly restricted to long stretches of paddling.

Two efforts were made on the return journey against the stream. A half-minute row produced 9 and 17 strokes in the quarter and half minute, and a minute's row produced 9, 18, and 34, for a quarter, half and full minute.

SHOOTING.

Volunteers' Annual Meeting.

FULL RESULTS.

The annual rifle meeting took place at Stonecutters on Friday and Saturday. The weather was good and there was very good light, except on Friday afternoon during the Tile Competition. Several good performances were recorded.

The Engineer Company put up a record score in both the Blake Shield and Francis Cup Competitions. In the first, they reversed last year's result by beating No. 4 Platoon, and in the Francis Cup they won by fifteen points though No. 2 Platoon "B" made a good effort and beat last year's winning score.

The Tile Competition was made more difficult than usual by the glare, most of the tiles being practically invisible, and under the circumstances, No. 7 Platoon "B" team did well to break eight out of nine.

In the Attack Competition No. 7 Platoon beat the Engineer Company by one point.

The best individual score in the Blake Shield Competition was registered by L/Cpl. Lockhart; Cpl. Holmes had the best aggregate score for the day.

In the individual competitions, Spr. Salter beat L/Sgt. Rozario for first place in the Musketry Competition. Spr. Johnson was third.

In the Corps Championship, Lt. Westlake again disproved the theory that old soldiers fade away, by annexing the championship and the Officers Prize. C.Q.M.S. Grenham had hard luck in being only placed second. Both he and Lt. Westlake beat the previous best score of 113 registered by Capt. Mitchell two years ago.

L/Sgt. Britto of No. 12 Platoon won the Tyro with the good score of 99, which is also the highest score for this competition.

The Open Revolver resulted in a tie, C.P.O. Clark and P. Fletcher both scoring 23. The latter won the re-shoot. The Corps Revolver Competition went to L/Cpl. Lockhart.

Results.

Full results were as follows:—

Blake Shield.

Possible	360
Engineer Company "A" (Cpl. Salter, L/Cpl. Lockhart, Spr. Smith, Spr. Salter)	301
No. 4 Platoon "A" (C.Q.M.S. Grenham, Cpl. Holmes, L/Cpl. Woodman, Pte. Wood)	293
No. 12 Platoon (C.S.M. Baptista, Sgt. Xavier, L/Sgt. Rozario, L/Cpl. Ribeiro)	289
No. 10 Platoon "A" (C.Q.M.S. Grenham, Cpl. Holmes, L/Cpl. Woodman, Pte. Wood)	286
No. 2 Platoon "A" (C.Q.M.S. Grenham, Cpl. Holmes, L/Cpl. Woodman, Pte. Wood)	276

Francis Cup.

Possible	300
Engineer Company "A" (Cpl. Salter, L/Cpl. Lockhart, Spr. Smith, Spr. Salter)	251
No. 2 Platoon "B" (Pte. Groves, Pte. Braley, Pte. Eastman, Pte. Tetley)	236
No. 4 Platoon "A" (C.Q.M.S. Grenham, Cpl. Holmes, L/Cpl. Woodman, Pte. Wood)	232
No. 12 Platoon (C.S.M. Baptista, Sgt. Xavier, L/Sgt. Rozario, L/Cpl. Ribeiro)	223
No. 6 Platoon "A" (C.Q.M.S. Grenham, Cpl. Holmes, L/Cpl. Woodman, Pte. Wood)	219

Twenty teams fired.

Possible	9
No. 7 Platoon "B" (Sgt. Chapman, L/Cpl. Cranston, Pte. Forbes, Piper Nisbet)	8
No. 2 Platoon "A" (Lt. Richards, 2/Lt. Branson, C.S.M. Slattery, Sgt. Terry)	7
No. 10 Platoon "A" (2/Lt. Silva, Sgt. Sequeira, L/Cpl. Soares, Pte. Rocha)	7
No. 4 Platoon "A" (C.Q.M.S. Grenham, Cpl. Holmes, L/Cpl. Woodman, Pte. Wood)	6
No. 7 Platoon "A" (C.Q.M.S. Grenham, Cpl. Holmes, L/Cpl. Woodman, Pte. Wood)	6

Eighteen teams fired.

Possible	60
No. 7 Platoon "A" (Capt. For-	

Musketry Competition.

Spr. Salter (Engineers)	20	20	30	70
L/Sgt. Rozario (No. 12)	16	20	30	66
Spr. Johnson (Engineers)	18	18	30	66
2/Lt. Branson (No. 2)	15	19	28	62

Sixty-eight competed.

Corps Championship.

Lt. Westlake (H. Q.)	25	28	45	28	126
C.Q.M.S. Grenham (No. 4)	20	24	44	26	114
C.Q.M.S. Cuthill (No. 6)	20	24	45	21	110
L/Cpl. Woodman (No. 4)	20	24	42	22	108
C.S.M. Parkinson (No. 7)	20	23	40	23	106
Spr. Salter (Engineers)	20	26	41	19	106
L/Cpl. Lockhart (Engineers)	20	25	41	18	104
Pte. Major Mackie (No. 6)	25	22	38	17	102

Tyro.

L/Sgt. Britto (No. 12)	15	22	40	22	99
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Forty-three competed.

Open Revolver.

Possible	30
P. Fletcher (Police Reserves)	29
C.P.O. Clark (Range Staff)	29

EASIER GOLF

by
H. STUART HOBSON

THE BAFFY AND THE CLEEK AS "OBSOLETE" CLUBS.

BUT THEY HAVE USES.

Obsolete Clubs.

A golfer was speaking the other day of "obsolete clubs."

He named two—the cleek and the baffle.

"No golfer nowadays needs either club," he declared. "It is inconceivable, as well as unnecessary, to break the caddy's back by carrying them. There is not a shot that either can achieve that cannot be done better with a modern iron club designed for the purpose."

"Few of the players who carry a cleek can use it," he went on, "and those who are skillful enough to play cleek shots could do better with a modern iron if they took the trouble."

"As for the baffle, it is a hybrid sort of weapon, used only by golfers who are afraid of the equivalent iron shot."

Whenever a golfer makes sweeping remarks like that, I am always ready to join issue with him. I know that the chances are on my side before I start. You simply cannot talk like that about golf. I'll hazard a guess that the next time this golfer went out after his little speech he found himself puzzled by a shot, and found himself knowing—against all his prejudices—that the one line of play for the situation was a push-shot with a cleek.

Novices Solace.

However, J. H. Taylor was lamenting the passing of the cleek as far back as 1911. One still sees this club, though it is certainly not so popular as the baffle.

The baffle is the friendliest club of the newcomer to golf. And it is not only the novice who finds the baffle a friendly club. The baffle—or the spoon, as its very close relation is called—can be used through the fairway to get distance when the lie demands a club that can "dig down" better than the brassie. An expert player of spoon shots can extricate the ball from the most difficult places. I have seen a shot sent whistling 200 yards towards the pin from the depths of the most unpleasant rough, and I have marvelled at the skill of the older professionals in digging the ball out of a cuppy lie with a spoon. On one great occasion I saw a match won by a player who drove the ball out of a sand-trap with a spoon. The most remarkable shot I ever saw with this club dug the ball out of the rough, where it was hidden in the shadow of a tall tree, lofted completely over the tree and found the green! It was a niblick shot, except that the niblick could never have got the distance.

"Feeling" The Ball.

Harold Hilton was a master of spoon shots, and had the golfers I have quoted seen him at work with this club he might not have been so

positive in his condemnation of it. Many golfers say that they "feel" the ball better with a wooden club, and use a wooden putter for that reason.

The spoon is one of the traditional old clubs of golf, a gentleman of the real St. Andrews' school. It is not, as so many golfers seem to think, a modern way of sidetracking the difficulties of full iron shots.

A spoon has the loft of a mid-iron. It comes more easily to the novice than the iron club because its broad sole glides over the turf, and does not dig in. The wooden head, with its weighting of lead, gives considerably more distance than the mid-iron.

As far as distance is concerned, the equivalent club is the driving iron.

Iron Shots.

The driving iron is also the equivalent of the cleek. Presumably this was the club that my friend had in mind to replace both the cleek and the baffle. The driving iron—or the straight-faced driving mashie, which is the same thing—gets the longest shot in all the range of irons. But it demands something in return for this service. It demands a perfectly executed and timed swing. It is the one club above all others that answers to the name of championship class.

No iron is a real substitute for the spoon, simply because no iron is so easy to play.

Certainly the driving iron will get the distance of the spoon, and the direction, but never is it an easy club, not even from the best of lies, and it certainly does not give the confidence that the spoon gives when the lie is tricky. After all, a club that gives confidence has a right to a special place in the bag of the golfer.

Undoubtedly the iron shot can be more direct, but the spoon can be true, too, and it can also stop the ball well within its distance if the shot is played for stop.

Revival of The Spoon.

It is true that no man can be a complete golfer unless he can play the fullest iron shot with effect, but even then the spoon may come to the rescue on a day when the irons are not playing well.

A revival of the spoon is more to be expected than its demise. As for the "obsolete" cleek, there is only one thing to be said—that most of the golfers, and there are not many of them, who really can play this club do so. It is not a club that need be learned by the modern golfer, but to the player brought up on it, there is nothing to replace it.—(Sunday Herald Copyright.)

HOCKEY.

Radio Defeat H.M.S. Bruce.

CUMBERLAND WIN.

On the home ground at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, the Radio Sports Club entertained a team from H.M.S. Bruce, whom they beat by the only goal scored, in a friendly hockey encounter. The game was played at a very fast pace, Gurba-chan Singh notching the Radio's point in the first half. In the second half play was of a ding-dong nature, with both sides striving hard for the supremacy.

This morning, at 10.30 o'clock, on the same ground, the Radio are due to meet a team from the R.A.F. in a holiday fixture.

Y.M.C.A. Defeated.

At King's Park yesterday afternoon, in a friendly hockey encounter, the Y.M.C.A. second eleven lost to a team from H.M.S. Cumberland by the odd goal in seven. The 'Y' netted in the first minute of the game, but the Cumberland equalised before half time.

In the second-half, the 'Y' added two more goals, but the Cumberland rallied together, and scored three to gain the verdict. F. Parker (2) and J. Hargreaves shared the 'Y's points.

FANLING GOLF.

Starting Times for To-morrow.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanling to-morrow:—

New Course.

9.32 a.m.	Mrs. R. M. Wood, Mrs. K. S. Robertson.
9.38	A. C. Braine Haytrel, E. T. E. Nash.

Old Course.

9.15-9.20 a.m.	Not to be booked by travellers on 8.23 train.
9.24 a.m.	S. S. Perry, H. N. Williamson.
9.32	P. S. Grant, J. B. Lanyon.
9.38	G. T. May, H. F. Bailey.
9.40	L. G. S. Doolwell, O. E. C. Marlon.
9.40	E. Grimble, A. B. Stewart.
9.44	J. L. McPherson, G. F. Rees.
9.48	C. Mullenby, W. D. Denham.
9.52	G. W. Sewell, Hon. Comdr. J. R. Hole.
9.56	J. R. Collis, F. Syme.
10.00	A. M. Parker, T. C. Monaghan.
10.04	M. S. Whyte-Smith, B. D. Evans.
10.08	H. R. Sturt, M. M. Watson.
10.12	R. M. Wood, K. S. Robertson.
10.16	A. D. Humphreys, C. W. F. Booker.
10.20	A. R. Cox, H. S. McKay.
10.24	G. C. Worrall, R. C. Webb.
10.28	A. S. Adamson, J. M. Brown.
10.32	D. F. C. Cleland, F. Black.
10.36	E. des Voeux, L. R. Andrews.
10.40	E. R. Hallifax, A. B. Raworth.

* Get caddies from Superintendent.

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING

RACES FOR PRESENTED CUPS.

Three events for Presented Cups were held at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday. All the races were over the following course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Ramsey Shoal (P) and Channel Rocks (S). Distance: 7.8 miles.

The results were:—

"H" Class.

(Started at 2.25 p.m.)

TIMES				
Yacht	Sailed by	Finished	Corrected	Position
Norona (Capt. Krogh Moo)		3.40.20	3.40.20	5
Rolla (Mr. R. Stock)		3.41.53	3.37.20	2
Argulla II. (Mr. Gandy)		3.49.15	3.40.09	4
Dorothea (Mr. R. P. Edwards)		3.45.06	3.36.00	1
Diana (Major Bingham)		3.45.03	3.38.33	3

"I" & "Y" Class.

(Started at 2.30 p.m.)

TIMES				
Yacht	Sailed by	Finished	Corrected	Position
Daphne (Miss M. Stokes)		3.57.01	3.57.01	2
Alisa (Major Lechner)		4.00.40	4.00.40	5
Why Wonder (Capt. Fowkes)		3.58.02	3.58.02	3
Blackjack (Major Barry)		4.00.00	4.02.21	7
Boojum (Mr. H. S. Rouse)		3.57.27	3.56.48	1
Speedwell (Major Stewart)		4.00.55	4.00.16	4
Adams (Cdr. A. M. Walker, R.N.)		4.02.54	4.02.15	6

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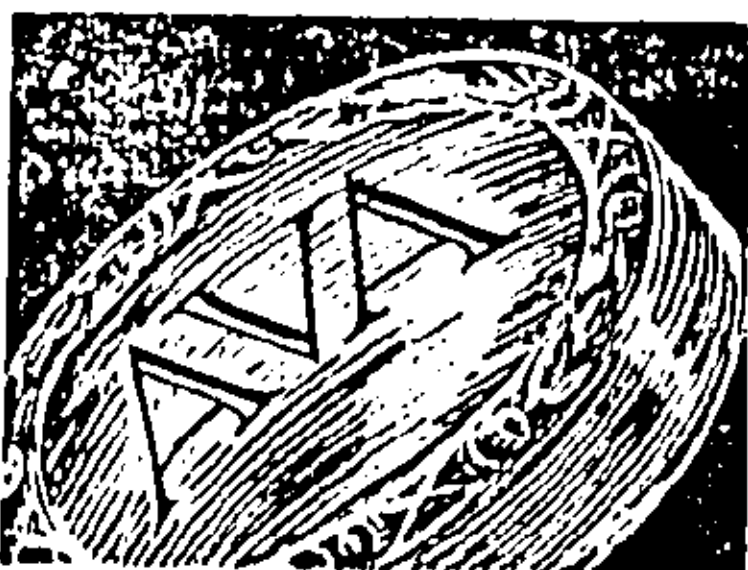
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The Chit System.

The habit of signing chits for one's purchases has proved the undoing of many respectable persons, and it has also been equally detrimental to many a retail trade. No matter how it is viewed, the chit system is a pernicious one, and the prosecution last week of a Millitary man shows another striking instance of how a man would and could get into debt if such encouragement were held out to him.

In his outline of the case, Mr. O. E. C. Marton said that he was not there to speak for or against the chit system. It had its convenience and also its attendant evils. But what more could he say?

But a review of the chit system is not denied to any right-thinking man, and in doing so, it is hoped that people, especially young men and young women, will take this lesson to heart and pay cash for their requirements. The chit system is at its worst in the East, and finds no parallel in any other foreign countries. The "open sesame" to this maze of debts, from which no one could emerge in the grand finale, is a person of smart appearance and a business address. This person will be able to sign as many chits as he or she may desire. There were cases where junior clerks getting \$30 a month were allowed the privilege of signing just as many chits, and for bigger amounts, than their superiors. Why was this possible, one may ask? The answer is obvious—that shop-keepers do not take the trouble of finding out the income of the individual before allowing credit.

Many cases of this nature were brought before the British Police Court in Shanghai, and in almost every case, the Magistrate had scant sympathy for the victims. I can remember one particular case, however, in which the Magistrate said to the victimised store-keeper who was also a Briton. "You deserve no sympathy. You allow people to have credit—in other words you are encouraging people to get into debt with you—without taking the slightest trouble of ascertaining whether that person is financially able to meet his obligations." The entire chit system was lucidly summed up in those few words.

There are cases where really honest men and women could not get credit, and yet fly-by-nights were able to live on the chit system for month after month. Too much depends on the sangfroid and appearance of those who desire to obtain credit. The chit system is a convenient one no doubt, but only to the right type of people.

"The Target of Abuse."

But to the wrong type of people this system is the target of abuse, as Mr. Marton rightly described it. There are people who, encouraged by this facility and trust, will keep on signing for things that are needful and also for things for which they have no imperative need. They do not give a moment's thought to their ability to clear off their debts. There are some who do not even know the amount they have signed away until the bills come in at the end of the month.

And when they find themselves unable to discharge their debts, they will simply open up credit elsewhere.

They care not for their reputation, and worry less about the principles of the whole matter. So long as their wants are satisfied they can go on living merrily.

But there is another class of people who, as a rule, do not intend to be bad debtors, but who are simply lured into it by the facility offered by shopkeepers. I mean the men and women who make use of the chit system for the sake of convenience, but, by carelessness, have allowed their desires for this and that to have full play with the result that they have incurred debts which later they have found beyond their means. They mean well at the start.

The chit system can be made into a good one, if shop-keepers would take the trouble of finding out the income of a person applying for this facility, and once this is proved to their satisfaction, credit equivalent to 25 per cent. of their income may be given. But the best course of all is for persons to pay cash for their purchases. Buy if you can find the money, and walk off when you cannot, is the best motto.

I Heard It Said.—

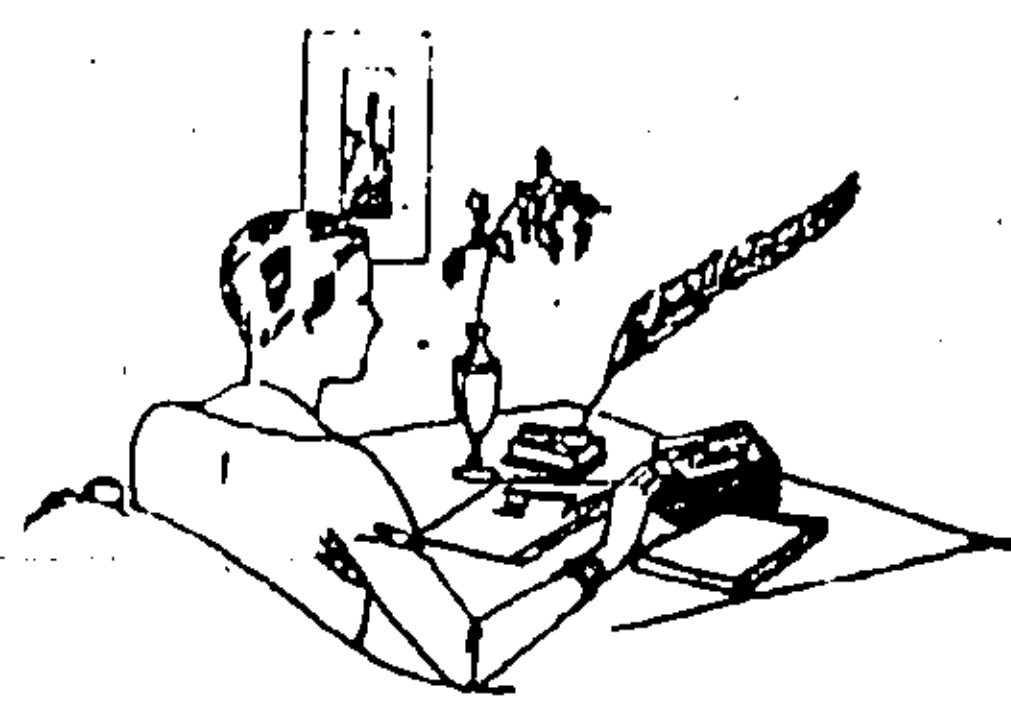
That in addition to paying one per cent. discount to the Chinese Piece Goods Guild on all orders placed, local importers have also to pay half per cent. to the Sundries Guild now.

That Canton will also have a modern brewery in full operation by next Summer.

That the newly-formed Nudist Society is not going to find it easy to secure a deserted island from the Government.

That certain Chinese schools will preach against the cult, and lectures will also be given by other Chinese public bodies in an attempt to dissuade any Chinese from joining.

—NOTA BENE.



The GLOBE TROTTER'S DIARY

A Masked Brawl - - -

At a masked ball in the Slovenian village of Udvarnok the local villagers resented the attention paid to women friends by visitors from other villages.

A fierce battle ensued with knives and revolvers in which five persons were killed and ten seriously injured.

Thrashed Father - - -

Tired of the frequent beatings given them by their father, two young boys in Belgrade waited until he went to sleep in his chair, and then bound him hand and foot and beat him severely.

The youngsters were so thorough in their work that the neighbour had to call up an ambulance corps to treat the old man. He has now disowned his sons, and is summoning them for assault.

That Homing Instinct - - -

Will the Gulf Stream always carry anything back to Scotland?

Mr. William Van Alen thought so. He was so sure of it that an argument developed when he was on his way home last year from Paris. So he scratched his address on a ship's menu, stuffed it in a bottle, and threw it into the Gulf Stream.

He has just got it back from Millport House, Tiree, Argyllshire. Mr. Van Alen estimates that the bottle travelled 2,000 miles.

Hose To Quell Riot - - -

The blazing fury of women patients in a hospital in Kosice, Prague, could only be extinguished by the firemen's hose.

Fourteen women from the same neighbourhood were all in the same ward and objected strongly to the attempt made to remove one of their number to a lunatic asylum.

"None of us are mad," they screamed.

They then proceeded to smash up the beds, chairs, and tables. They

brandished the pieces of broken furniture and assumed such a threatening attitude that an S.O.S. was sent to the Fire Brigade to come to the rescue.

Her Chilly Nest - - -

A hen which had served her peasant master faithfully and well for many years suddenly disappeared at Wallhausen, Cologne.

Four days later it was found frozen fast in the ice covering the water left in a washtub standing in an outhouse.

The peasant's wife conveyed both tub and hen into her warm kitchen. As soon as she had been "thawed out," the old hen strutted off proudly to her nest and carried on with the business of the day as if being frozen up for over half a week was no unusual experience.

A Nun's Drinking Bout - - -

A nun in Belgrade drank a quart of brandy at a sitting.

This nun tired of her life in the convent, and ran away to stay with a sister in Belgrade. On the night of her arrival in Belgrade the sister received a gift of a quart of the best old double-distilled "rakija"—plum brandy.

The nun tasted it, found it good, and drank the whole quart at a sitting.

Just as she finished she collapsed on the floor and was rushed to hospital. It was feared that she was suffering from alcohol poisoning.

To the surprise of the doctors, however, the girl awakened after 36 hours of solid sleep, and declared that she felt perfectly fit and well.

Side by side with this report in the Belgrade Press appears the news that a notorious drunkard had died after drinking a pint and a half of similar brandy.

Snakes and Ladders! - - -

A few days ago in Durban, a young farmer was sitting beneath

a tree in one of his orchards supervising the picking of fruit when suddenly he noticed a huge black snake at the top of a ladder propped against the tree.

The farmer leapt for safety and landed in a hole nine feet deep. The snake followed him and twisted itself round his arm. It bit into the coil of his rolled-up shirt sleeve, but luckily missed the flesh. Then a native dashed forward and killed the reptile. Its length was 13 feet.

Let Us Bray! - - -

A donkey receives a higher rate of pay than any other actor or actress at the State Theatre in Belgrade.

This donkey appears on the stage for less than one minute in the ballet "Don Quixote," and for this it receives 10s.

Thus the donkey has received £30 for appearing for a total time of only one hour—a rate of payment which one might expect to be exclusive to the ranks of the Hollywood film stars.

Wanted—A Premier - - -

"Please send immediately Swiss citizen, adult, vaccinated, knowing how to read and write—for post of Prime Minister."

A telegram to Switzerland on these lines has been suggested by a prominent French politician in a jovial mood.

"Since conciliation is the fashion," he points out, "why not a neutral as Prime Minister. Conciliation is a neutral's business."

"When we have our next Ministerial crisis," this wit has suggested to his friends in the Chamber of Deputies, "we must certainly send an S.O.S. to Switzerland."

But he could think of no reply to the query as to whether the post should be described as "merely temporary."



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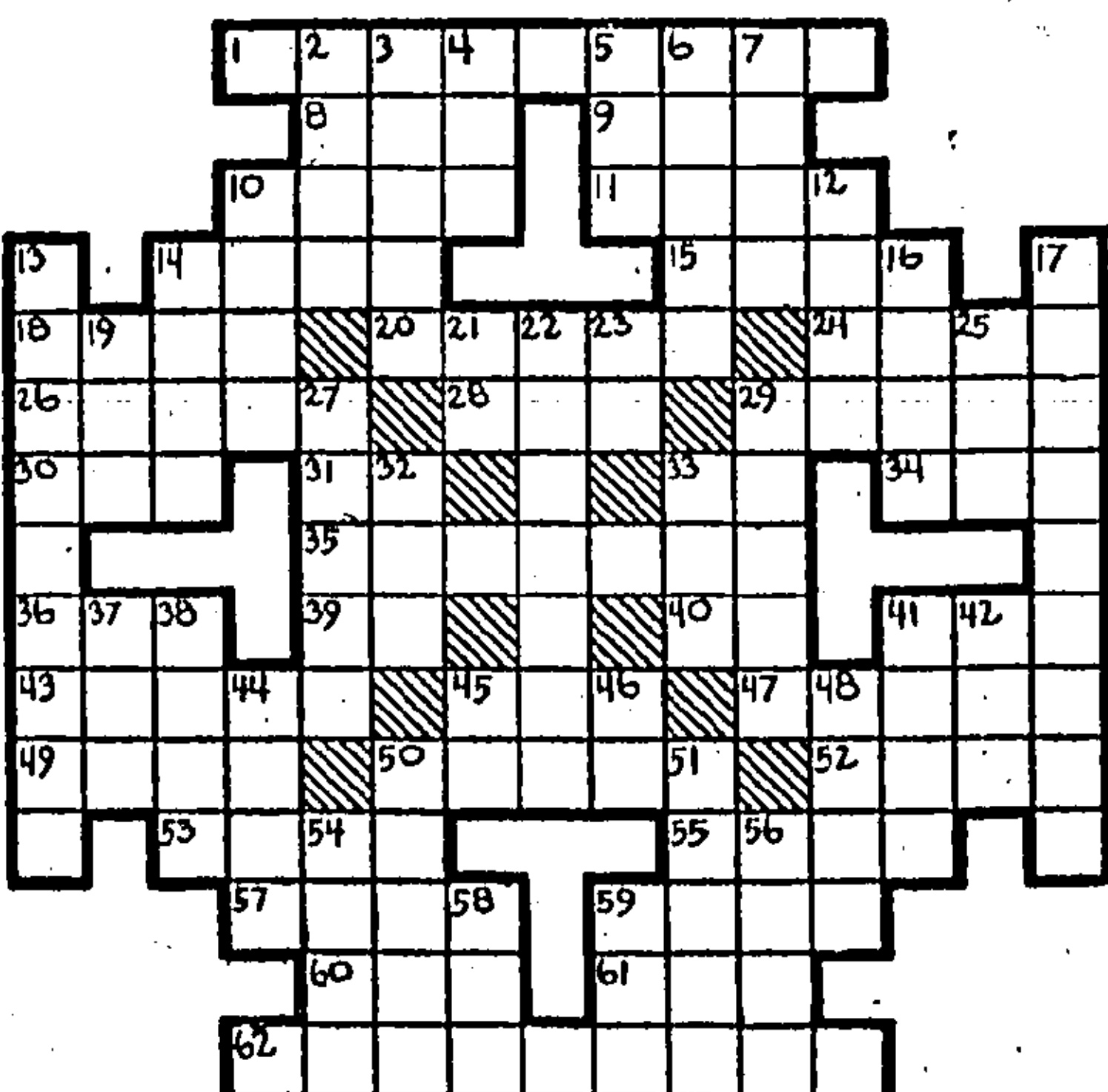
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plover, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Concocted
- 5—Part of the body
- 9—Etruscan household god
- 10—Greek god of war
- 11—Sacred bull of Egypt
- 14—Girl's name
- 16—Boy's name
- 18—Formerly (Poet)
- 20—Native of Media
- 24—Charity
- 26—Savory
- 28—Adult male persons
- 29—Sets of three
- 30—Foot-like organ
- 31—Bone (Latin)
- 33—Italian river
- 34—Prefix. Before
- 35—Member of the senate
- 38—Sailor (Colloq.)
- 39—And (Latin)
- 40—District Court (abbr.)
- 41—Ritardando (abbr.)
- 43—Stumble
- 45—Greek goddess of mischief

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 47—An island in the West Indies
- 49—Comfort
- 50—An effeminate man
- 52—Girl's name
- 53—Large lake
- 55—Point of compass
- 57—Decorate
- 59—Festival
- 60—Unit
- 61—Suffix used to indicate fullness
- 62—Weakened

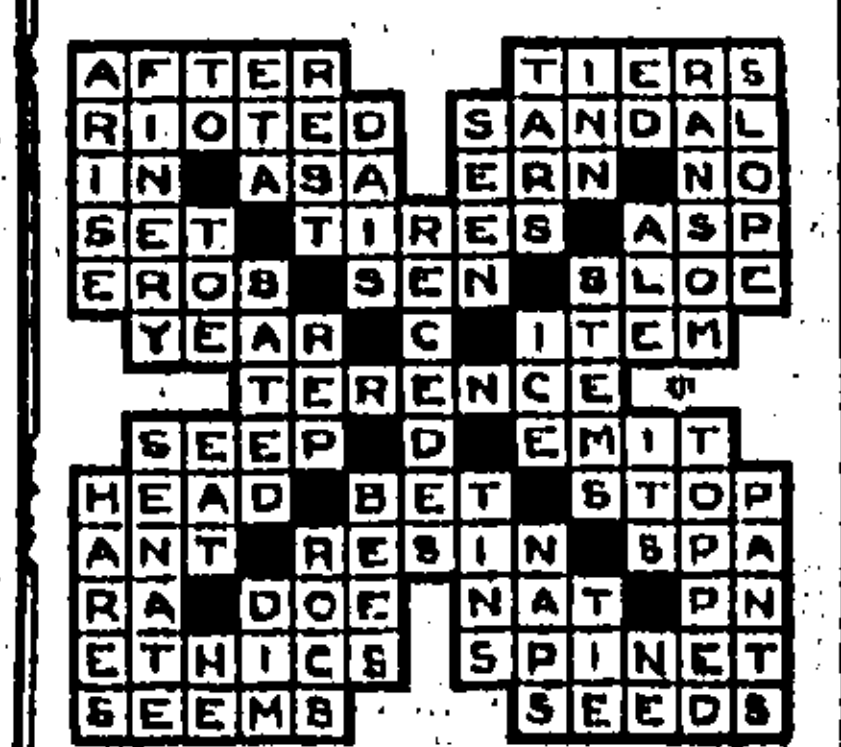
VERTICAL

- 2—Merit
- 3—Fancy
- 4—Indian Medical Service (abbr.)
- 5—A southern State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 6—Ties with tape
- 7—Inland (Poet)
- 10—Prefix. Against
- 12—Floet
- 13—To beamish
- 14—Poisonous serpent (pl.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 16—Slide
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"THE QUEEN OF CRUISING STEAMSHIPS"

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old, and is making the tour on the Resolute. She is the especial friend of the ship's commander, Capt. Fritz Kruse.

Chevalier Shock.

Mrs. Walter Camp, better known as Ruth Elder, who flew the Atlantic Ocean in October 1927, is another famous passenger on board.

An amusing incident occurred when the vessel tied up at Singapore. Someone started the rumour that Maurice Chevalier was on board, causing quite a stir among those who were waiting the arrival of the ship on the wharf.

Twelve Years Old.

This triple-screw de luxe steamer of the Hamburg-American Line was built for order of the Company by the A. G. Weser shipyard, of Bremen. After her completion in 1920 she was acquired by the Royal Dutch Lloyd and was placed in that company's South American Service under the name of "Brabantia."

In 1922 she was purchased by the United American Lines (Harriman Line) and then received her present name of "Resolute." In 1926 she was taken over by the Hamburg-American Line; and as she had become very popular with the travelling public under that name, it was decided that she should retain it. Apart from being used in the North Atlantic service, she is utilised for World Cruises and other de luxe tours, such as the West Indies Cruises and those in Northern Lands.

Technical Data.

The Resolute aggregates just under 20,000 gross registered tons. Her length is 588 ft., her beam 72 ft., and her height 44 ft. She has four through decks, one partial deck and three superstructure decks. The latter are surmounted, with three huge funnels rising about 100 ft. above the water level.

The driving machinery of the ship consists of two reciprocating engines and one turbine, developing about 17,000 h.p. altogether and operating three propellers. The speed of the vessel is 17 knots. It goes without saying that the equipment includes every kind of modern safety device.

Passenger Accommodation.

The technical excellence of the ship is matched by that of all her

passenger accommodations, which were subjected to far-reaching improvement work prior to the commencement of the World Cruise. All the bathrooms have been fitted with fresh-water shower baths, and the staterooms have been equipped with Punkah Louvre ventilation—a system particularly suitable for tropical climates. There are, in addition, numerous other innovations intended to enhance the comfort of the voyage. The dining saloon extends through two decks and can accommodate 350 persons. The smoke room and the ladies' parlour are comfortably and tastefully furnished. There is also a reading and writing room containing the ship's library. The centre of social life on board is the Winter garden, which is decorated with flowers and plants and is covered with a huge glass dome. The vessel has also a gymnasium, a swimming bath, a sports deck with bowling alley, etc. Children have a special room set aside for them where they take their meals, play games, etc. There is also an open-air playground for them fitted with sand box and gymnastic appliances.

The Stateroom.

The staterooms are likewise equipped along the lines of modern comfort. Each passenger can regulate the temperature and ventilation of his or her room at will. There are proper bedsteads, washstands with running supply of hot and cold water, dressing tables with a set of mirrors, etc. The wardrobes are of ample proportions and their interior is illuminated by electric bulbs. Apart from the ordinary staterooms, the ship contains several suites consisting of sitting room, bedroom, trunkroom and bath.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station 2.5.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

10.00-11.00 a.m.—Relay of Service from St. Joseph's Church.

11.00-12.15 p.m.—Relay of Service from St. Paul's Church (Chinese).

12.15-2.00 p.m.—Chinese Record Programme.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

8.00-10.00 p.m.—European Programme.

8.00-9.35 p.m.—Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.05-8.40 p.m.—Orchestral and Band Music.

Rosamunde—Overture (Schubert).

Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra: L1998

Euryanthe—Overture (Weber).

William Mengelberg and His Concertgebouw Orchestra, LX157.

The Meistersingers—Selection (Wagner).

Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards. 9424.

The Wreckers—Overture (Dame Ethel Smyth).

Dame Ethel Smyth conducting the British Symphony Orchestra, DX287.

8.40-9.10 p.m.—Sacred Music.

Song—He Shall Sustain Thee (Fairlie).

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9.10-9.35 p.m.—Octets.

Scene de Ballet (de Borlet, arr. Sear).

Second Movement from "Symphonie Pathétique" (Tchaikowsky arr. Robertson).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9825.

Minuet in D (Mozart arr. Willoughby).

Minuet Sicilienne (Squire & Hart).

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THE BOOK OF CHANGES REVIEWED

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The song, of Mingling flows, Grave, ceremonial, pure, As once, from lips that endure, The cosmic descent rose, When the temporal lord of life, Going his golden way, Had taken a wondrous maid to wife That long had said him nay.

For of old the Sun, our sire, Came wooing the mother of men, Earth, that was virginal then, Vestal fire to his fire. Silent her bosom and coy, But the strong god sued and pressed; And born of their starry nuptial joy Are all that drink of her breast.

Memories of Tchaikowsky (arr. Sear). J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9198. 9.35-10.00 p.m.

Concerto in A Major (Mozart). Played by Arthur Rubinstein and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli. (This Suite is kindly loaned by a Listener). 10.00 p.m.—Close Down.

And the triumph of him that bore And the travail of her that bore Behold, they are evermore As warp and weft in our lot. We are children of splendour flame, Of shuddering, also, and tears. Magnificent out of the dust came, And abject from the spheres.

O bright irresistible lord, We are fruit of Earth's womb, one, And fruit of thy loins, O Sun, Whence first was the seed poured. To thee as our Father we bow, Forbidden thy Father to see, Who is older and greater than thou

Art greater and older than we. Thou art but as a word of speech, Thou art but as a wave of his hand. Thou art brief as a glitter of 'twixt tide and tide on his breast. Thou art less than a spark of fire, Or a moment's mood of his soul. Thou art lost in the notes on lips of his choir. That chant the chant of the W

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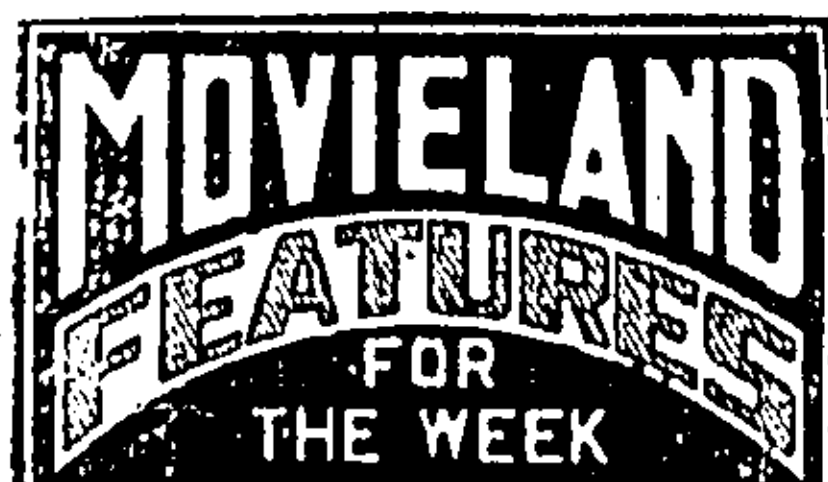
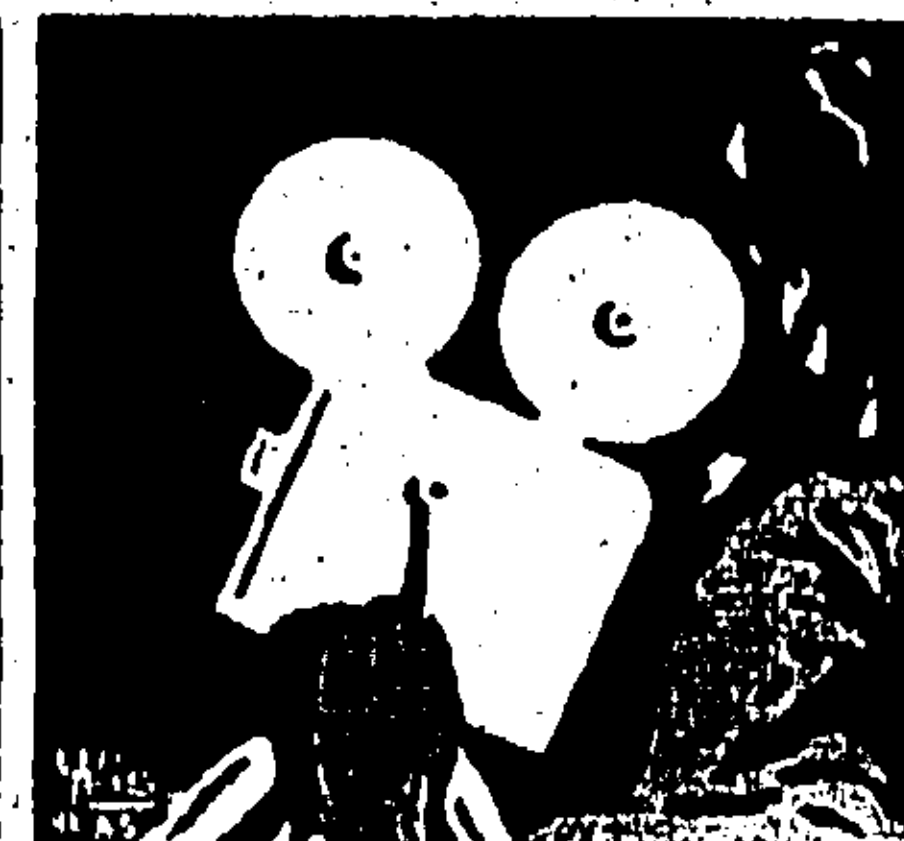
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Next Change:—Agatha Christie's famous novel, "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd" lives on the screen as "Alibi" England's latest production with Austin Trevor as "Hercule Poirot" France's leading detective.

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To-day and To-morrow:—"Whoopee" Florenz Ziegfeld and Samuel Goldwyn's mighty all-colour spectacle with Eddie Cantor and a bevy of glorious American beauties!

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WHEELER AND WOOLSEY BACK IN DELIRIOUS RIB-TICKLER, "HOOK, LINE AND SINKER."

Stars of "Cuckoos" and Other Hits Return.

Of course it's funny—this Radio Pictures' "Hook, Line and Sinker," which will open to-day at the Queen's Theatre!

It goes without saying, with such a battery of professional funmakers contributing to the story's hilarious success!

In the starring roles are Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey, who can point to four positive "hits" since they entered the talkie field—"Rio Rita," "The Cuckoos," "Half Shot at Sunrise" and "Dixiana."

In the leading feminine role is Dorothy Lee, who combines charm, rare beauty with a hoydenish comedy flair.

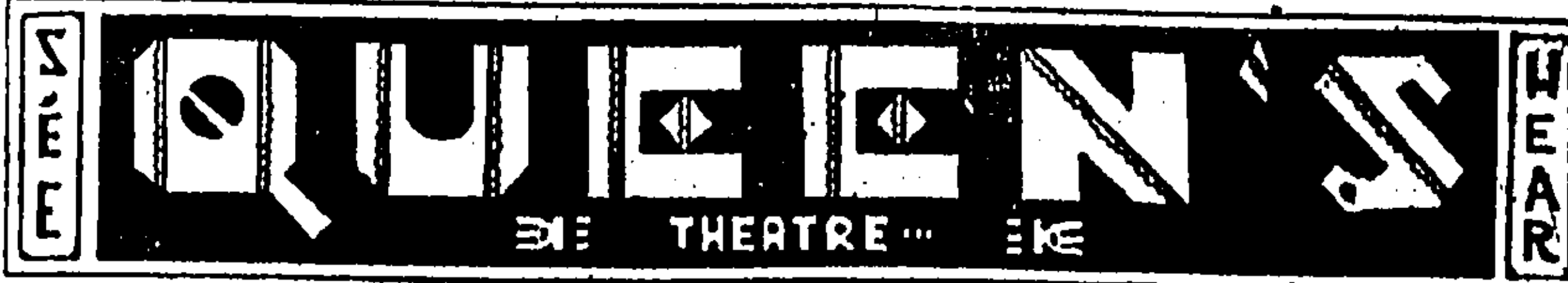
Jobyna Howland, with a comedy history of more than twenty years, inspires bursts of laughter whenever she appears on the screen. She is six-foot three in her French heels.

Hugh Herbert and George Marion contribute fun mixed with vigorous characterisations.

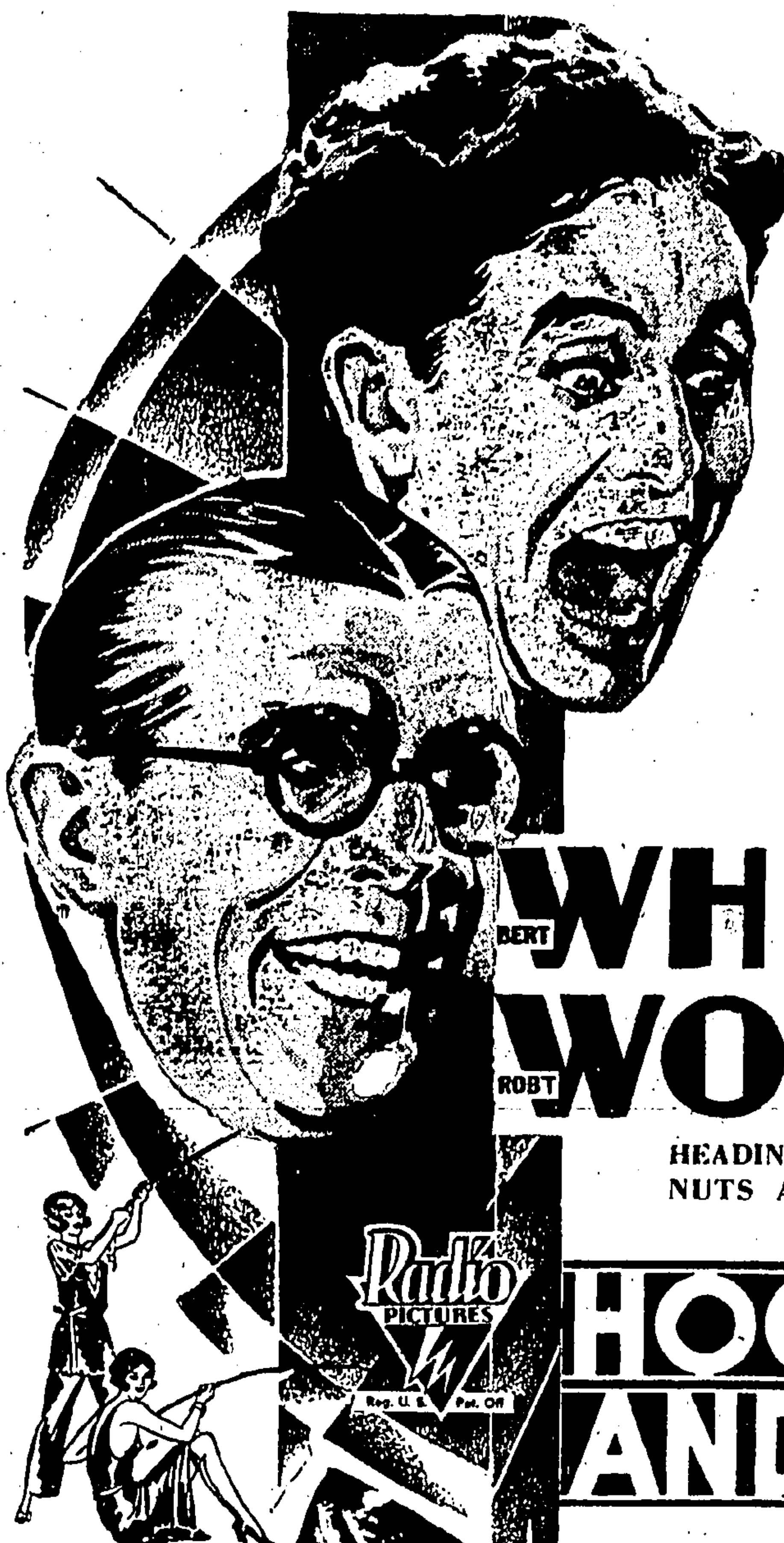
And last but not least, Tim Whelan, humorous writer, is responsible for the story "Hook, Line and Sinker;" Halph Spence, one of the best known "wise-crackers" and dialogue specialists in films, collaborated with Whelan on the lines; and Eddie Cline, a graduate of the Mack Sennett sure-fire comedy school, directed the picture. It's claimed to be the best yet by the screen's funniest twosome—and those who have seen Wheeler and Woolsey will agree that plenty of laughs are guaranteed.

Conrad Nagel, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer player, recently in "Hill Divers" is the latest to go into a "side business." He opened a new market, at Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards in Beverly Hills, California. "The Marketplace" as the new enterprise is called, had a gala opening, with bands, electric lights and all the "trimmings" of a picture premiere.

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"THE
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A REAL MYSTERY STORY.

A story of the real "mystery" school is told in "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd," acknowledged to be one of the best of Agatha Christie's carefully-planned novels. It enshrines one of the solutions of Hercule Poirot, the celebrated French detective, whose whimsical mannerisms and astute deductions give a charm to his actions.

The novel was excellently dramatised by Michael Morton, and as "Alibi" was a pronounced West End stage success, running for nine months. For the screen it was adapted by Cyril Twyford and Brock Williams, and the translation is first-rate.

The picture was made at the Twickenham Film Studios, under the supervision of Julius Hagen, Leslie S. Hiscott directing.

Sir Roger Ackroyd, was the very rich and very unpopular squire of the village, and when his life was mysteriously "snuffed out," nobody seemed to be very much upset. Detestation does sometimes estrange one's neighbours and household. But the law takes cognisance of death in any shape or form, and when the squire of the district dies a violent death there are no bounds to the suspicions and activity of the police.

It is to the advantage of the story that the dead man was so wholeheartedly hated that anyone of a number of persons might be suspected of the crime. The local inspector of police was quickly and easily convinced of the guilt of one of the suspects, but Hercule Poirot paid no regard to the apparently obvious. He conducted his investigations quietly and in his own peculiar manner, and by a series of deductions arrived at the truth.

The truth, however, is not revealed until the very end, and the direction of the picture was so carefully planned that there is not the slightest suggestion as to the identity of the culprit.

In addition to Austin Trevor, who plays Poirot, the strong cast includes Franklin Dyall as the murdered squire, Harvey Braban as the police inspector, J. H. Roberts, John Deverell, Ronald Ward, Earle Grey, Merica Swinnurbe, Diana Beaumont, Mary Jerrold, Elizabeth Allen and Claire Greet.

WILLIAM HAINES WILL HAVE LEADING ROLE IN RADIO FILM

William Haines will have the leading role in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's picturisation of ARE YOU LISTENING? Haines' last picture was THE NEW ADVENTURES OF GET-RICH-QUICK WALLINGFORD.

ARE YOU LISTENING? is an adaptation of J. P. McEvoy's story of the same name. Madge Evans has the chief feminine role and the cast includes Joan Marsh, Anita Page, Wallace Ford, Karen Morley, Maude Eburne and Louise Carter.

COMEDIANS DON TOPPER, SPATS IN NEW FILM.

See Radio Pictures' hilarious comedy "Hook, Line and Sinker" at the Queen's Theatre and learn what the well-dressed man should wear!

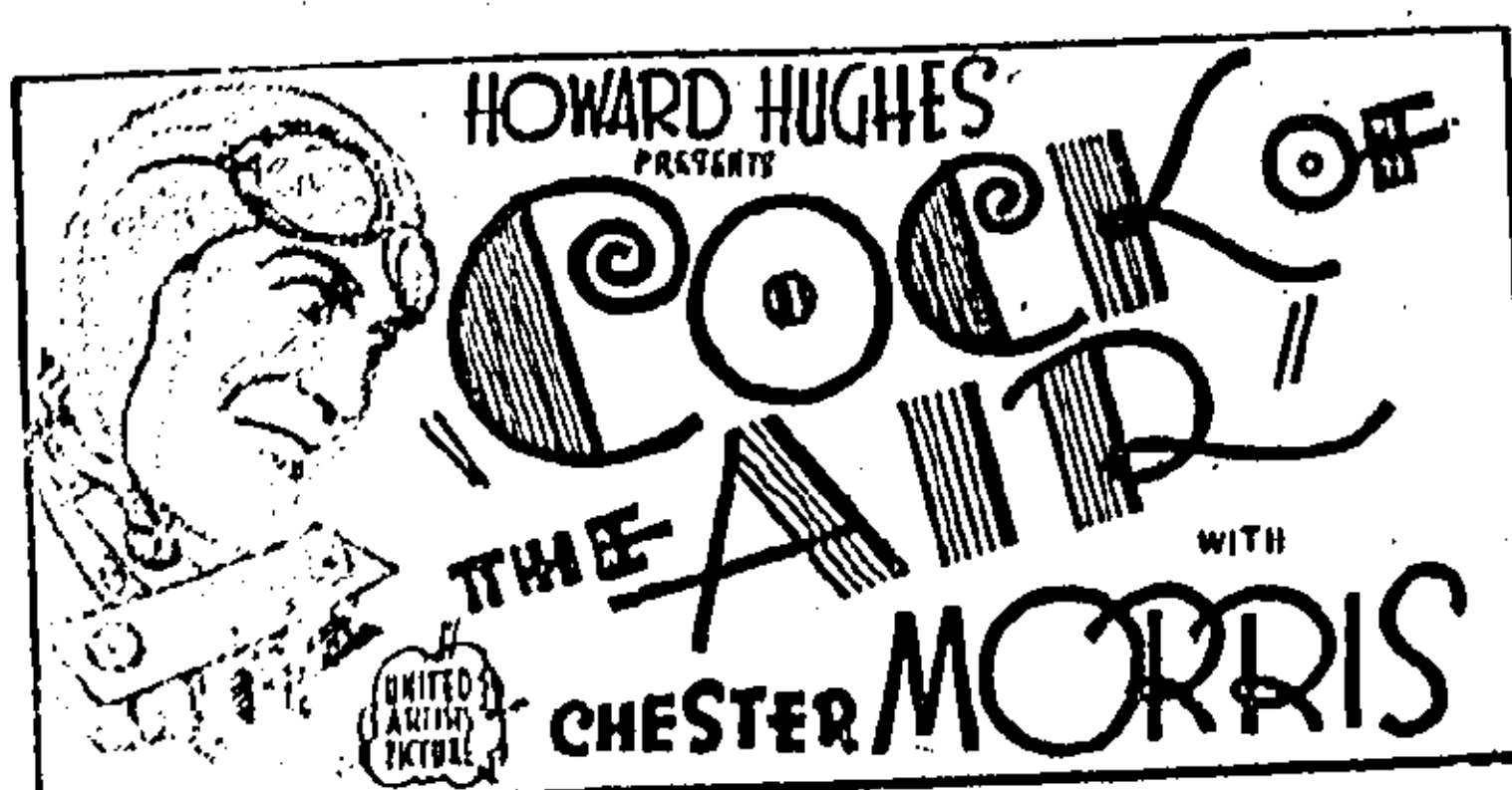
Both of the star comedians, Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey, for the first time in their careers look as if they stepped out of the pages of "Vanity Fair." In order to complete the illusion, Wheeler as a noted telephone operator and Woolsey as a hotel room clerk acquire complete up-to-date wardrobes—even morning suits with spats.

IRENE PURCELL AND MONA MARIS BATTLE IN KEATON FILM.

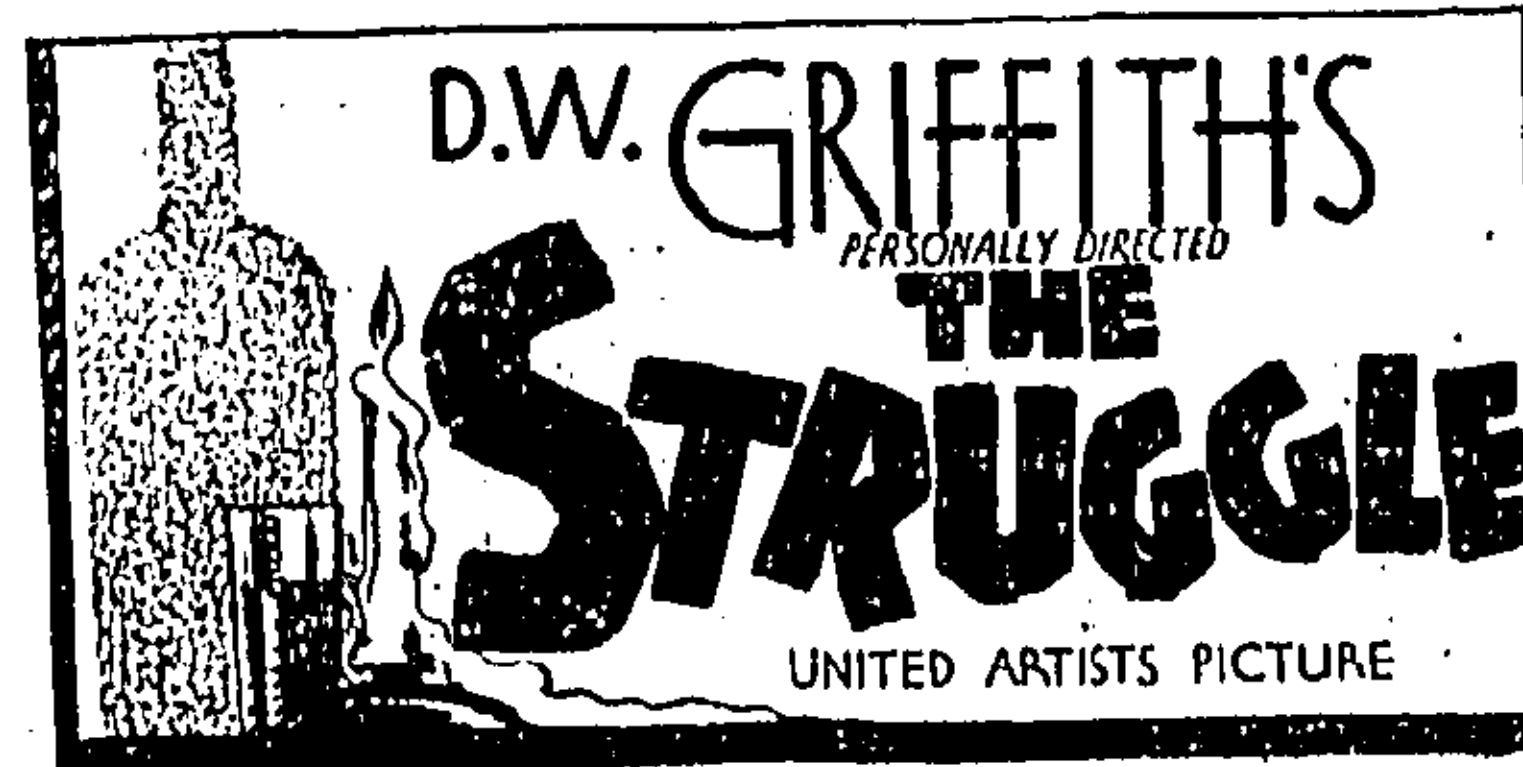
Irene Purcell and Mona Maris claim that title of champion feminine free-for-all fighters of Hollywood!

During the filming of HER CARDBOARD LOVER starring Buster Keaton at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, "Purcell and Maris" were a strenuous fighting team. They portray the roles of two jealous women who finally come to blows in a terrific battle.

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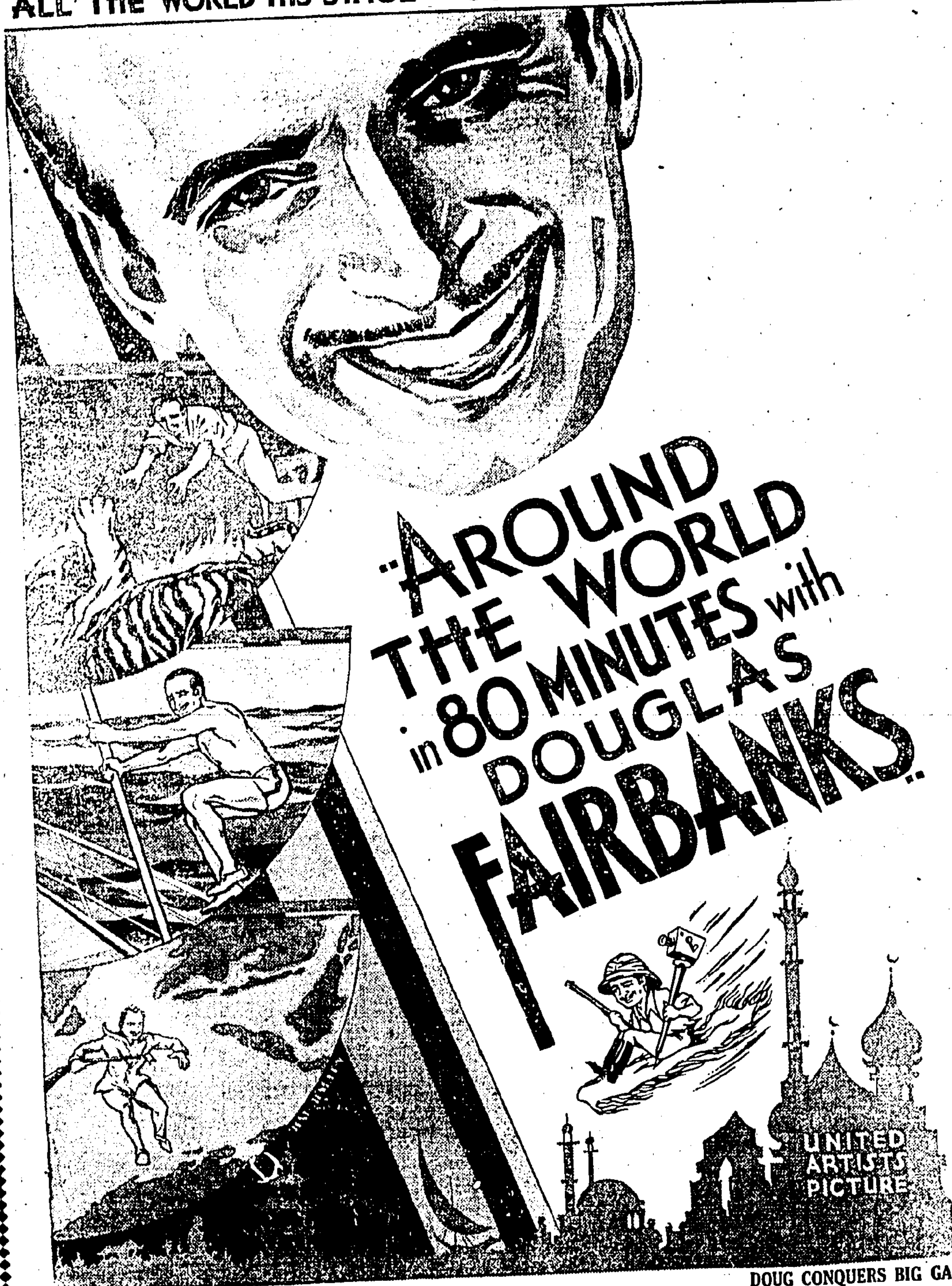


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DOUG CONQUERS BIG GAME.

Fairbanks fights tiger! This might be the headline describing one of the feats in the star's travel film "Around the World in 80 Minutes" with Douglas Fairbanks, the United Artists picture showing at the Central Theatre to-day.

There is a sequence in the film in which the Doug of unsurpassed courage, finding himself face to face with a maddened tiger, raises his gun and pulls the trigger, only to find the gun is not loaded. Throwing the weapon and discretion from him, Fairbanks leaps barehanded at the animal.

The ensuing fight and the conclusion of the episode is worthy of a serial's ending on a chapter, which time one is advised to come next week for the following episode.

It would be disclosing too much of the Fairbanks' lore to tell the outcome of the Fairbanks tiger fight, but it is all to be seen in "Around the World in 80 Minutes."

TO-NIGHT or Never, Belasco Play, Is Gloria's New Production.

Gloria Swanson in "To-night or Never," based on the story and tempestuous Belasco stage success, is coming to the Central Theatre very soon. Produced and presented by Samuel Goldwyn, it brings that producer's opulent and lavish hand to a play fashioned by the greatest stage genius of this generation, the late David Belasco, as the last and final effort to his distinguished career.

"To-night or Never" is a Gloria Swanson returned to the emotional tempo of her first talking picture, "The Trespasser" or the earlier silent "Sadie Thompson". It gives her a warm, fervent role, rich and strong in mature womanly feeling. Mervyn LeRoy, that enterprisingly youthful director who won world-wide acclaim for "5 Star Final" and "Little Caesar" directed "To-night or Never." The settings depicting gay, romantic Budapest and Carnival Venice, were designed by Willy Pogany, distinguished painter.

Miss Swanson sings no songs in "To-night or Never," largely, it is said, because Producer Samuel Goldwyn insisted on the right of way for the rapid action of the story. But there are improvised snatches of song from Miss Swanson, mostly operatic airs, and there is quite a little of Budapest's native melody from string and gypsy

orchestras. No picture of the Danube capital would be complete without songs.

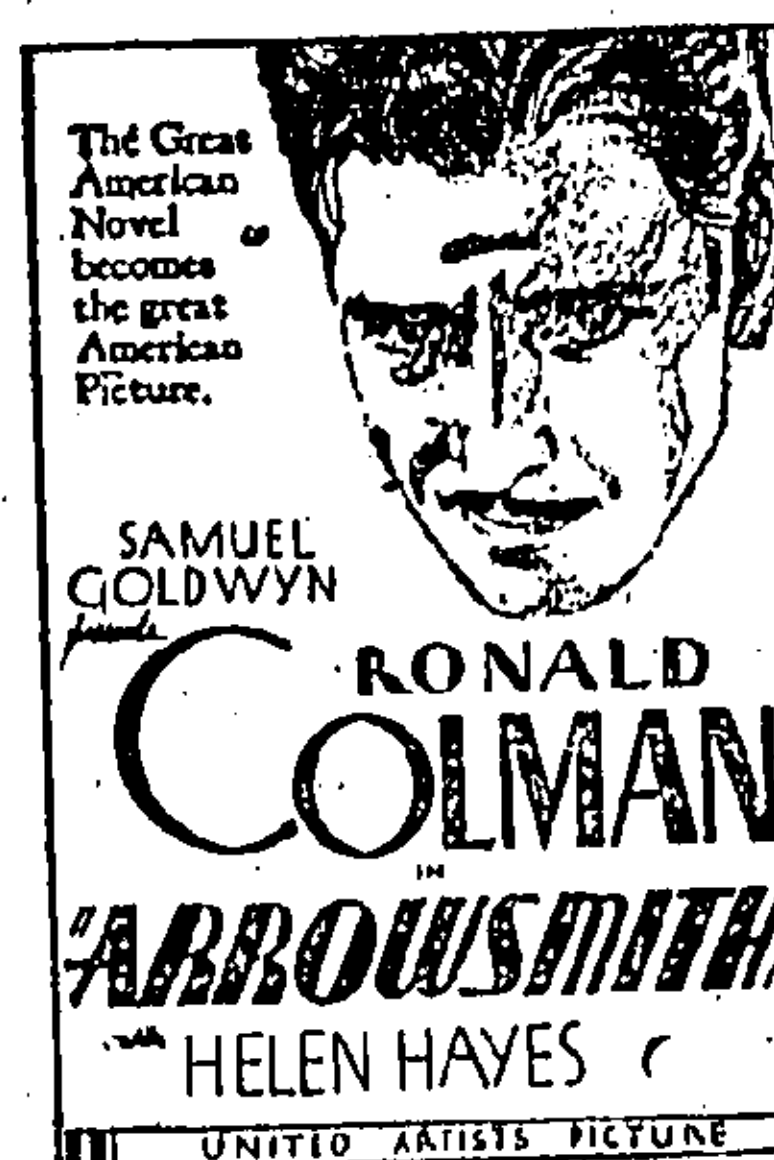
Chanel—Mlle. Gabrielle Chanel, distinguished Paris designer and fashion authority whom Samuel Goldwyn brought to Hollywood last

and wraps, afternoon frocks, street and spot suits, pyjamas and costume jewellery are included among the original Chanel creations for "To-night or Never."

Melvyn Douglas, the young stage player who last year created one of the outstanding personal successes of the season in the Belasco stage production, not only duplicates his stage role on the screen, but has earned for his performance opposite Miss Swanson the enronium of being a find and a discovery. Critics have hailed him as a new type of romantic lead—an American type, fair and light, completely in contrast to the former dark and latin type. Others of the stage cast which Mr. Goldwyn brought to the studios of the filming of the play—include Ferdinand Gottschalk, Robert Greig, Warburton Gable, and Greta Mayer, Allison Skipworth, the distinguished character actress, is the one recruit.

"To-night or Never" was written as a play by the Baroness Lill Hatvany, brilliant Hungarian Noblewoman who authored "The Love Duel," in which Ethel Barrymore was seen two years ago. Frederick and Fanny Hatton adapted it for the Belasco stage production, which in turn was transcribed for Mr. Goldwyn's screen version of Ernest Vajda.

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The greeting accorded her performances during the run of the play left no doubt in her mind and

the true artist, which comes from a knowledge of one's self and the minds of the great. Her horizon in life is not bounded by the limits of her profession. She is a deep student of all the philosophers, ancient and current, and has written a summary of their systems, called "My Story of Philosophy," which is being sought by several publishers.

An accomplished musician and dancer, as well as an author, there is nothing of the intellectual snob about her. She is informal, demo-



When the Sleeper Wakes. Howard Phillips, under Edmund Lowe's hypnotic power about to reveal to Lois Moran the secrets of "The Spider," Fox melodramatic thriller.

when she returned to Hollywood Miss Moran found that she was able to impart to her screen characterizations that same quality of truth and three dimensional realities that she had achieved on the stage.

The golden-haired, refreshingly wholesome looking little actress, featured with Edmund Lowe in "The Spider," Fox mystery drama, is representative of the type of cultured person who has taken the front rank among picture players.

Miss Moran has the humility of

eratic: a typical outdoor girl, fond of hiking and horseback riding, and more at home in a bathing suit than in an evening gown. A sound mind in a sound body.

Co-directed by William Cameron Menzies and Kenneth MacKenna, "The Spider" is the screen version of the celebrated Broadway play by Fulton Oursler and Lowell Brentano. The unusually large supporting cast includes El Brendel, George E. Stone, Howard Phillips, Earle Foxe, Warren Hymer and William Pawley.

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Hands play an important role in a magician's success. His hands are as valuable as a pianist's or a violinist's. To increase their flexibility and dexterity, a professional magician will rarely be seen without a pack of cards in his hands or a couple of coins which he constantly fingers and works with wherever he may be.

The value of this practice was

other tools of the trade to become proficient in the wonders the story calls upon him to perform.

"The mind reading and spiritualistic seances are easy for me," Lowe explained, "because they only call for acting and the reading of lines—both of which are part of my profession. But the sleight-of-hand, and other tricks requiring dexterity of the fingers, is something else. For one thing, now I've



"The Spider" and the Fly? Does Lois Moran fear that Edmund Lowe may be the sinister "Spider" in the Fox mystery melodrama of that title?

demonstrated by Edmund Lowe during the filming of "The Spider," Fox mystery melodrama, in which he portrays the role of a great magician and by demonstrations of his "black art" solves the baffling murder upon which the drama is based.

Almost every hour of the day, between scenes, Lowe worked with cards, coins, handkerchiefs and

mastered the tricks called for in this picture. I certainly should be an expert at parlour games and be able to astound any amateur audience."

Lowe is one of the truly great actors of the screen. He has never allowed himself to become identified with any one type. He essays the whole range of characterization; high comedy roles, romantic impersonations, underworld studies, his alligator-necked Marine types and now, a magician. All are alike to him, and he is different in them all.

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Regular extra players were out of luck when Paramount decided to inject real atmosphere into the collegiate background of "Confessions of a Co-Ed." The directors recruited more than a score of young college women, from the campuses of the University of California, Stanford University and Mills college, for the picture.

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KOWLOON FIRE.

Timber Yard Near
Austin Road.

Shortly before noon yesterday, the Kowloon Fire Brigade received a call from Austin Road, and on arrival, with three appliances, found that a timber yard, trading under the name of Hung Sang, was ablaze. The conflagration was just at the rear of Whitfield Barracks, and facing tenement houses on Austin Road.

Fed with inflammable materials, and fanned by a breeze, the flames soon took a firm hold on the premises, the whole of the rear of which was completely destroyed. Many dozens of newly made camphor wood boxes were consumed by the flames, as well as several logs of timber.

The fire was extinguished at 2.30 o'clock, after a hard fight. No lives were lost.

RANGERS v KILMARNOCK IN SCOTTISH CUP ASTON VILLA WIN BIRMINGHAM "DERBY."

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.			Second Division.		
Aston Villa	2 West Brom.	0	Bradford	2 Bristol C.	0
Bolton W.	3 Sheffield U.	0	Burnley	1 Bradford C.	1
Chelsea	0 Everton	0	Charlton A.	3 Notts County	1
Grimsby T.	2 Manchester C.	1	Clifford	1 Millwall	0
Huddersfield	1 Portsmouth	0	Manchester U.	5 Oldham A.	1
Leicester C.	3 Birmingham	1	Notts Forest	2 Port Vale	1
Liverpool	1 Sunderland	2	Preston N.E.	0 Leeds U.	0
Middlesbro'	0 Blackburn R.	2	Southampton	3 Swansea T.	0
Newcastle U.	3 Derby C.	3	Stoke City	2 Barnsley	0
Wednesday	3 Blackpool	0	Tottenham H.	0 Bury	0
West Ham	1 Arsenal	1	Wolves	2 Plymouth A.	0

(From Our Own Correspondent).

London, Last Night.

SCOTTISH CUP.

Semi-Final Round.
Hamilton A. 2 Rangers
(at Celtic Park).
Airdrieonians 2 Kilmarnock
(at Firhill Park).

GOOD FRIDAY'S GAMES.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

London, Friday.

First Division.

Arsenal 2 Derby Cnty. 1

Blackpool 1 Portsmouth 0

Chelsea 3 Bolton W. 0

Everton 2 West Brom. 0

Grimsby T. 2 Middlesbro' 1

Newcastle U. 3 Leicester C. 2

Sunderland 1 Aston Villa 1

West Ham 1 Wednesday 1

Second Division.

Barnley 1 Bristol C. 2

Bury 2 Notts County 1

Manchester C. 0 Charlton A. 0

Millwall 3 Swansea T. 0

Notts Forest 2 Southampton 0

Oldham A. 1 Plymouth A. 0

Port Vale 3 Barnsley 0

Preston N.E. 2 Chesterfield 0

Tottenham H. 3 Stoke City 0

Third Division (Southern).

Brentford 2 Southend U. 1

Brighton 2 Watford 0

Bristol R. 1 Torquay U. 0

Clapton O. 3 Queen's P.R. 0

Crystal P. 1 Norwich C. 1

Gillingham 1 Cardiff C. 1

Luton Town 2 Mansfield T. 0

Reading 3 Exeter C. 0

Swindon T. 0 Fulham 0

Third Division (Northern).

Carlisle U. 1 Rotherham U. 2

Chester 2 Hull City 0

Crewe A. 0 Tranmere R. 0

Darlington 1 Gateshead 2

Hartlepool U. 0 Barrow 0

Lincoln City 5 Accrington S. 1

Southport 5 Doncaster R. 0

Stockport C. 5 Wrexham 0

York City 5 Rochdale 2

LEAGUE COMMISSION IN SHANGHAI

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

It will be recalled that when Lord

Lyttton was offered the chairmanship

of the League Commission of In-

quiry, to which has been entrusted

the task of sifting the evidence re-

garding Manchuria and making

recommendations on the ways and

means of preserving the peace of

the Far East, he revealed consider-

able hesitancy in accepting the offer,

and it was only after some time

that he signified his readiness to

place himself at the head of the

team which has come to this region

of the world to sit in judgment over

complex issues which would have

baffled Solomon himself.

Shanghaianders, having had an

opportunity to observe the progress

of Lord Lyttton and his fellow-

members on the League Commission

through their hectic spell of less

than a week, can now well under-

stand why Lord Lyttton at first was

not animated by any burning zeal to

undertake the task. He must have

well appreciated both the difficul-

ties and the thanklessness of the

job, and one cannot help admiring

his pluck in coming to the Far East

on a mission, the outcome of which

no one is bold enough to foretell.

Apart from the formidable task of

making an adequate study of the

Shanghai question, which has been

added to the Commission's labours

since they set sail for China—at

first only Manchuria was included

in the scope of their terms of refer-

ence—Lord Lyttton and his dis-

tinguished companions have had to

run the gauntlet of Shanghai's pro-

verbial hospitality. The great ones

of Shanghai, both Chinese and for-

eigners, are distinguished for their

hospitable characteristics. They can

be hospitable with a vengeance, as

the League visitors have found out

to their cost. Scarcely had they

had a chance to recover from the

effects of luncheons and dinners in

Japan and the delights of duck

hunting in the Imperial Palace

grounds than they had to face the

prospect of accomplishing gascon-

adronical feats of endurance on the

very day they set foot on the shores

of Shanghai.

The distinction of giving the first

public function in the Commission's

honour fell to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the

Political Vice-Minister for Foreign

Affairs, who was host to the mem-

bers of the Commission and a group

of Chinese and foreign journalists

at a purely Chinese luncheon held

at the magnificent tower residence of

Sir Robert Ho Tung in Seymour

Road. Lord Lyttton was seen to

manipulate the chop sticks as to the

manner born and seemed to enjoy

the delights of shark's fins and

bird's nest soup, to say nothing of

the innumerable other typically

Chinese dishes, to go through which

took the best part of three hours.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi's hospitality

must have given the members of

the Commission a foretaste of what

they were in for, for a few days

later came the announcement that

they had decided to cut down the

original programme of entertain-

ments arranged in their honour, as

they were eager to get down to

business, which was the main object

of their visit to Shanghai. They

had had enough of wining and

dining, and having realised that

they were expected to eat their way

into Shanghai, they were anxious to

avoid eating their way out of it, and

so latterly the programme has been

limited to a few important engage-

ments which they could not very

well avoid. And thereby hangs a

tale.

Much to the surprise and chagrin

of some of his distinguished hosts,

Lord Lyttton gave expression to

some candid comments that were

more forceful than diplomatic.

Terminological niceties were eschew-

ed for the time being and Lord

Lyttton hit straight from the

shoulder. He was apparently try-

ing to convey a constructive mes-

sage to the people of China and had

to be cruel to be kind. Incidentally,

he was fastening on the opportunity

to show that the Commission could

not be bribed, so to speak, by either

side into deflecting their minds from

the straight and narrow path by a

surfeit of solids and liquids.

Greatest Frankness.

Thus, to the Chinese Universities'

Association, which was host to the

MOTOR FATALITIES.

Two Women Killed in
Kowloon.

Two motor accidents, both re-

sulting fatally, were reported on

Friday.

Ngau Yuc-chung, stated that he

was driving a lorry along Canton

Road at 3.30 p.m., when near Mong-

kok Cinematograph Theatre, a girl,

Leung Yiu-yung, aged 7 years, of

5, Larch Street, suddenly ran

across the road in front of

the lorry and was knock-

ed. She sustained severe in-

juries to her legs, and was

taken to hospital by the driver.

She died at 6.30 o'clock.

Knocked down by a Kowloon

Motor Bus Co.'s vehicle in Shanghai

Street, near Ningpo Street at 2.45

p.m. on Friday another girl, named

Yeung Kwai-mui (16), of 141,

Shanghai Street, was killed out-

right. The body was removed to

the mortuary.

TOURISTS INTERVIEWED BY HERALD

Mrs. Walter Camp.

"Only a few minutes before she left for Canton with her celebrated husband I found her cabin," writes a *Sunday Herald* staff correspondent, who was on board the s.s. Resolute yesterday evening to interview Mrs. Walter Camp, better known as Miss Ruth Elder, the famous aviatrix who flew the Atlantic in 1927.

"Her first words on my arrival," he continues, "were have a glass of my favourite German beer." Mrs. Camp thinks that there is no other drink like it in the world, in fact she says, it is one of the features of the tour.

Although she had only been ashore for a short while, Mrs. Camp thinks Hong Kong is one of the most delightful spots she has yet visited on this first world tour. "I simply love the richness," she said, "but I feel terribly sorry for the pullers." Mrs. Camp hopes to return from Canton to-morrow morning.

Her Atlantic Flight.

In her Atlantic flight in 1927, she and her co-pilot, George Haldeman, were forced down off the Azores by a faulty oil line, and after tossing for many hours on the sea were finally rescued by the tanker Berendrecht and landed in Portugal.

Mrs. Camp is now one of the only two women in the world belonging to the Order of Quiet Birdmen, the other being Thera Rasche, the German. The order is given only to those who do things in aviation and do not talk about them.

Among her experiences during the present tour, Mrs. Camp says that her ride on a camel while in Egypt was one of the most novel.

Competitive Flying.

"Owing to family opposition I have now had to give up competitive flying," she says. In Madras she flew for half an hour with Mr. Louis Mason of the Flying Club, in a Puss Moth machine, and also flew from Batavia to Semarang, a flight of two and a half hours. She also had a flight in Manila.

"I never dreamt I would ever be in this part of the world," she concluded, "and I find it awfully fascinating."

Her husband, Mr. Walter Camp, is President of the Inspiration Pictures, Inc., Hollywood, and is the son of the famous Walter Camp of Yale, father of American football, and originator of the "daily dozen."

Dr. William Von Opel.

"You are lucky to find me in this mood" said Dr. William von Opel, when interviewed by a *Sunday Herald* reporter on the s.s. Resolute yesterday evening. "It is only at dinner time I relax to the extent of interviews."

A jovial man, with a military appearance, Dr. von Opel is the head of the Opel Car Company, which is now incorporated with General Motors of America. He is making his first world tour, combining business with pleasure. "To work is a pleasure" he said laughingly, "but pleasure is not work."

The Small Car.

During his tour, Herr Opel will investigate the various countries he visits, with a view to the prospects of the small car. The Company of which Herr Opel is the head, was the first company to believe in the future of the small car. Herr Opel thinks that the small car is the vehicle of the future. "They will do practically the same speed as a larger car," he says, "and are far more economical."

In regard to China, Herr Opel is of the opinion that in considerably less than a century, China and the other Eastern races will be a force to contend with.

Ball Paradise.

Herr Opel is a man who is happiest among the simple people. "The people of to-day" he said "are discontented and spoilt. If life was simpler, everyone would be far happier. Ball, in my estimation, is the nearest approach to Paradise I have seen." The people there are simple and satisfied.

Until quite recently, Herr Opel worked for 10 hours per day, and thinks that the best way to keep fit is to take rest before getting too much run down.

Herr Opel is paying a visit to Canton before the ship leaves Hong Kong. He has a special reason for the visit, apart from business reasons, as revealed in an amusing reminiscence he related.

Canton Story.

Dr. Wallau, who was a great friend of Dr. Opel's, was sent by the German government to Canton in 1907, to make investigations into the conditions there. When he arrived, there was a guard of honour to meet him from the boat. So engrossed was Dr. Wallau in the guard of honour that he failed to look where he was walking and stepped off the gangway into the river. "So naturally I am anxious to see the place where my good friend so narrowly escaped death from drowning."

"It is too early for me to express any opinion of Hong Kong," he continued, "but it has one of the loveliest harbours I have seen."

Herr Opel's son was the first man to go into the air propelled by rockets, and has spent his time on experimenting with that means of propulsion. From experience Herr Opel expressed an opinion that rockets can only be successfully used for air power, and not for land. Much of this busy man's time is spent in the wireless room of the ship, keeping in communication with his various business concerns.

Mr. Robert Ripley.

"I think mine is the only business in which the customer is never right. For about twelve years I have devoted myself to making drawings—called cartoons for want of a better word—designed to challenge credulity. I measure my success by the number of readers who, unaware that the first law of my enterprise is never to be wrong, accept that challenge and, first calling me a liar, invite proof," said Mr. Robert Ripley, the famous creator of the "Believe it or Not" series of articles and pictures, when interviewed by a *Sunday Herald* reporter yesterday.

"Yes, I have found some very interesting material for another 'Believe it or Not' book," he said, "but there is one strange thing I would very much like to find. I have been told about it, and heard about it, but before putting it into my book, I would like to verify it."

Mysterious Mermaid.

"It seems that somewhere around here there is a sort of stuffed mermaid to be found. The top part is stated to resemble a monkey, and the bottom part the tail of a large fish. Now I have heard that this may be a fake; that the Chinese, who seem to be very clever at this sort of thing, get the upper part of the body of a large monkey, and then make up the tail of a fish. They then insert the monkey into the tail and sew the ends up so well that the joint cannot be seen, and the whole thing when finished looks like a real live stuffed mermaid. It seems a very strange thing, but that is my job, getting hold of strange things. Do you know anything about that stuffed mermaid?"

I had been listening with some surprise and when the question was put to me all I could say was that I had never heard of the object of his search.

The Glow Worm Cave.

Speaking of his travels he said: "In New Zealand I found one of the most unusual and beautiful sights in the world—the Glow-worm Cave. This is lighted by thousands of glow-worms—the only light that ever enters it. Through the cave runs a stream, which is the only means of entrance. The worms thrive on insects which they catch in a novel way. They let down a kind of tentacle and the insect when once it settles on it cannot get away. The worm then draws up the tentacle and has his dinner on the roof of the cave."

Mr. Ripley then gave a short description of the practice of the Juvari tribe in Africa, which he visited last year in search of

material. These savages, after cutting off the heads of their enemies keep them, and, through some process or other, shrink the heads until they are the size of baseballs.

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